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New and old students alike had the time of their lives dancing the night away at last Sunday's SOS/PB dance.

Storage scam hits students

Security, housing, local schools work to alleviate troubles

by Brian Reilly
Asst. News Editor

While several GW students thought their summer storage items were safe, a local company had other ideas.

The College Storage Service company failed to return property to approximately 25 GW students and as many as 225 students from local universities, according to GW security officials.

Howard University security officials have located the apparent owner and signer of student contracts, Bobby Brown, but no known charges have been filed because the investigation is still pending, said Inspector J.D. Harwell of the GW Office of Safety and Security.

Harwell said most of the GW students and "safely more than half" of the other university students who dealt with CSS have received their once

missing property. One of the third-party storage companies in which Brown stored the students' property, Public Storage, Inc., has returned the property to the students free of charge, he said.

According to Harwell, only three GW students have yet to receive their goods in storage, and he reiterated, "Security wants to make sure that all students get their property back."

One of the GW students who signed a contract with Brown, GW senior Diane Dooley, said she paid \$45 to store some of her property with CSS for the summer. She said Brown picked up her goods in the first week of May this year. According to both Dooley and her contract, CSS picked up two trunks, a microwave, a box of books, a box with a mattress cushion and a typewriter.

According to the contract given to The GW Hatchet by Dooley, CSS

would provide free pick-up, delivery, moving of unlimited pieces and up to \$500 insurance on the stored property.

After Brown picked up Dooley's property, she returned to Long Island assuming that her goods were safely stored away, but she received an undated letter postmarked July 11 from CSS, which, she said, "made me very suspicious."

"Due to the overwhelming response, we have incurred tremendous expenses," the letter stated.

It went on to state that a "recent audit show (sic) that we are unable to meet these expenses. In order for these expenses to be met, regrettably (sic) we must increase our price by \$30.00." The letter, signed by Brown, went on to claim that if the new payments were not received, CSS "will be forced to file for bankruptcy."

After receiving this letter, Dooley (See STORAGE, p.10)

Trachtenberg looks back, forward

by Mark Vane
Editor-in-Chief

-Part one of two-

A year after the beginning of the Trachtenberg era at GW, many are left with more questions than answers as to where we are going in the future. Through my discussion in mid-August with Trachtenberg, I hoped to gain insight to his feelings on his first year—one of transition—and his plans for the school after 12 months of evaluating life at GW.

GW Hatchet: You've now been here a year and a week. How well did last year meet with your expectations?

Trachtenberg: It was a terrific year. I had a marvelous time. My concerns in coming obviously were two-level: one professional and one personal. I was concerned for my wife and two sons, and I'm pleased that they've had a very positive and rewarding experience.

Looking back, was there a high

point or a low point during the last 12 months?

Well, when you start you have a sense of being a little bit overwhelmed. There seems to be so much to do and you think you'll never get it all done. And your rhythm is changed just the way the office is laid out, the staff you're working with. You're constantly having to really explain things to people rather than the kind of shorthand which is the substance of so many conversations when you've worked with somebody and know them well over a period of time. So that my ability to communicate thoughts and ideas to secretaries or to vice presidents or deans or faculty members for that matter, is enhanced by the fact that we've had conversations and exchanged thinking. And so they have a sense of my sentiment. And there's a kind of a strange reaction in terms of people. For

(See PREZ, p.19)

Faculty Senate opens new year

SAT increase, pay raises announced

by Jim Holton
Hatchet Staff Writer

A 20-point increase in SAT scores and a raise in faculty pay highlighted a speech from GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg in his first faculty assembly address of the semester yesterday before professors and administrators.

In his speech, Trachtenberg reflected upon his first year in office and discussed his hopes for GW during the upcoming year.

"I, myself, am facing the 1989-90 academic year with a level of energy and enthusiasm that I would have hesitated to predict from the vantage point of even six months ago," he said.

Trachtenberg said GW's accomplishments of the 1988-89 school year "turned out to be remarkably solid and remarkably widespread," adding he believes University policies are being advanced, especially in the area of faculty compensation and productivity.

Trachtenberg made known his commitment to bolster faculty salaries, thereby encouraging growth in teaching and research.

"What I am going to announce right now, therefore, is a 'first step' that should be taken as an earnest of things to come," he said, adding that about 150 faculty members were notified in August they would receive merit raises over and above those set for the year. These increases will go into effect Jan. 1, and most will be for at least \$2,000.

In addition, as GW's financial base

improves, a step-by-step, full program of raises will take place, he said.

Trachtenberg also lauded this year's freshmen. He cited an increased mean SAT scores of 20 points over last year's freshmen, as well as 28 nationally recognized scholars entering GW, compared to 10 the previous year.

"You are going to be teaching even more better and more dedicated students that those you have taught in recent years," he said.

Also cited was the increase in financial aid, designed to attract high-caliber students whose financial need exceeded their merit awards.

"This dramatic improvement in our admissions picture can be credited in good part to raises in financial aid, strategically aimed at the high-ability students whose ranks at GW we are seeking to swell," he said.

The base for attracting first-rate students is "the work that our faculty, administrators and staff have been doing, on virtually a routine basis, for many years. Seconding their efforts is our splendid location in a world city," Trachtenberg said.

He noted the increase of high-quality transfer students to GW, up from 400 in 1988 to 500 for the present (See FACULTY, p.8)

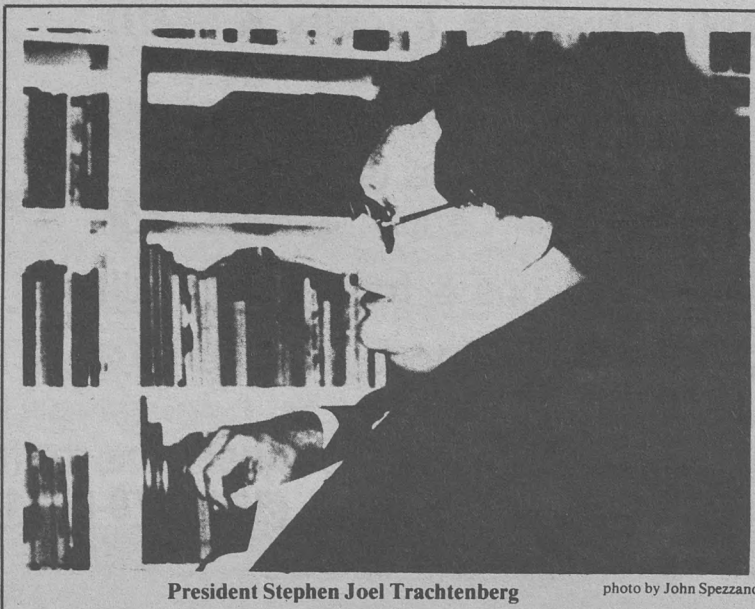
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President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg

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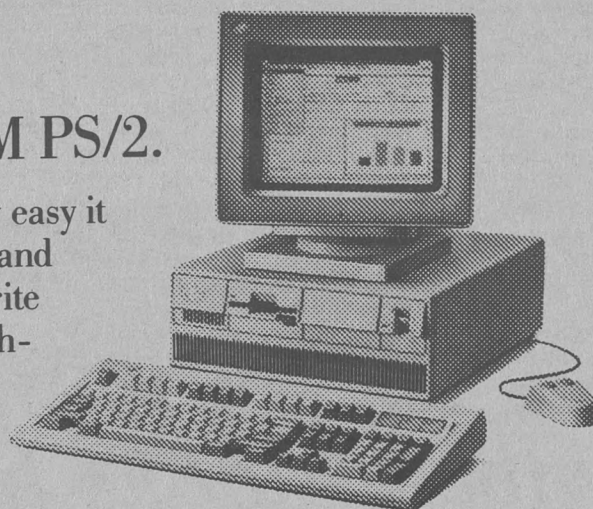
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Sparks fly as students debate abortion at PB forum

by Brian Reilly
Asst. News Editor

More than 250 students crowded into the Marvin Center Theater Tuesday to watch and participate in a fiery debate on one of today's most confrontational issues: abortion. "The stereotype of the apathetic GW student has been shattered," the forum's moderator said following the event.

Six student panelists from a variety of campus organizations were alternately cheered and jeered by an energetic audience as they espoused their views on an issue that has taken on greater significance following this summer's landmark Supreme Court case, *Webster v. Missouri Reproductive Health Services*.

Representatives from the College Democrats, Students United to Women's Issues Now (WIN) and the Progressive Student Union supported the right of a woman to have an abortion, while representatives from the College Republicans, Christian Fellowship and Young Americans for Freedom took the opposite view.

"There are a large number of people on the campus who are pro-life, but the majority are pro-choice and are no longer apathetic about the issue (following the *Webster* decision)," said moderator Bret Caldwell, political affairs chair for the GW Program Board, who sponsored the event.

Sophomore Chris Tipping of YAF, a conservative youth group, began his opening statement by pleading, "Let us pledge to calmly discuss this issue."

Commenting on the responsibility of men to use birth control, Alexander Brun of the GW PSU said, "It is from their testicles the semen is created and from their lustful loins that it is ejaculated."

Referring to the *Webster* decision, Tipping called it "a great moral victory." He emphasized the case's importance to the defense of the unborn, rhetorically asking the audience, "Are we all to believe that

Senior Robert Remy of the CRs resorted to rhetorical questions to focus the forum on this issue.

"Can we play God and say for absolute certain at what point human life begins? I think it foolish to pretend

then spoke of what she considers the sanctity of human life at the time life is created.

"Human life is valuable to God and should be valuable to all of us," she said, adding that many scientists claim that the zygote, the cell formed by the union of sperm and egg in the primary stages of pregnancy, "has the genetic makeup of a human animal."

Many barbs were exchanged between panelists and many of the panelists, especially those opposed to abortion, were loudly berated by members of an obviously partisan audience. Tipping charged that the pro-choice participants were only "spouting ... the radical, feminist line."

Mazie criticized Remy's opening statement, claiming that he was overly concerned with the rights of males and that this was an "insulting attitude." She then asked, referring to Remy's statements, "Where are the women? Where the hell are the women?"

Expanding further on the importance of a woman's decision in the matter, senior Stuart Campbell said, "When a woman's life is in danger, there is no logical reason that the life and rights of a fetus supersede those of the woman."

Commenting on the lessons of the forum in which both participants and observers expressed concerns for a contemporary issue, Caldwell said, "It is great that the campus has showed that it will not (hold back) when the issues affect them. It is about time we got out of that apathetic state."



Things heat up at Tuesday night's abortion forum.

photo by John Spezzano

Soon after he made this statement, Brun announced, "I cannot continue to discuss (abortion) as a man." He then gave up his seat on the panel to senior Kerry Gluckman, also of the PSU.

Gluckman reinforced Brun's position.

"Despite the fact that men want to dominate this issue with the imposition of their morality, the decision of this issue ultimately rests with those whose bodies are directly affected, and who have to live with the consequences—women," she said.

something so sacred as a human life is merely looked upon as a physical mass?"

Others saw the *Webster* case as a loss.

"Now the Supreme Court leaves the right to choose up to the states. This means only those who can afford travel and cost (for) abortions can get one," said Margery Mazie of WIN.

All six panelists discussed the difficulty of determining when life begins, a dispute that often proved to be the crux of the forum.

we can, and so why not give the possible child the benefit of the doubt?" he asked.

Later, Mazie touched on the same subject.

"There is no proven biological moment when life begins. Proposed laws that attempt to define life as beginning at the moment of conception not only would outlaw abortions but also some forms of birth control," she said.

Senior Heather Huffman of the Christian Fellowship began her opening statement by quoting the Bible and

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Editorials

You can be a star

Who among us would have thought it possible that anyone could have an intelligent, exciting and often rational discussion about abortion? Tuesday night at Marvin Center Theatre, this program was notable for both its speakers and its audience. Both were impressive.

The speakers were from six campus organizations. The audience was made up of only those with a GW ID. That means GW students. About 250 of them showed up to hear other GW students talk about an often-discussed issue. It was the kind of educational experience that occurs only when people in an academic community listen to and learn from one another. This is college life at its best.

It wasn't just the usual crowd, either. It was obvious that this forum had interested a large number of new faces. Here's hoping newcomers will stick around for future forums of this caliber.

This was a textbook case on how to run a campus event for which the Program Board should be thanked. After a year of watching some campus organizations compete for famous speakers, often fruitlessly, it is heartening to find how many articulate speakers are here in our midst. We hope that more programs of this type are on the way.

Abortion is an issue that too often provides a forum for extremist and fundamentally flawed views. The forum was not void of stupid comments, but the speakers and audience seemed genuinely interested in more reflective thinking. There was, at long last, talk about the rights of women, which seems central to any discussion of abortion.

Whatever one thinks about abortion, discussions like these are where lively, heated debate is at its finest. Pro-choice and pro-life views were both articulately represented.

More importantly though, the true star of the show was the audience, which impressively balanced passion and thoughtfulness.

Tuesday night was proof positive that quality programming will attract quality students.

Treat the disease

Tuesday night, just a few blocks from here, President Bush unveiled his version of the war on drugs in a speech broadcast nationwide. Also several blocks from here, the horrible drug problem thrives. These people caught up in the drug culture across the nation need more help than just what Bush has discussed.

The plan was billed as a way to end the drug problem, but all we got was a small increase in funding and some more empty promises.

The President called for "enlarging" the criminal justice system, saying we need more prisons, more jails and more prosecutors. He also proposed sending money to foreign countries, mainly Columbia, to help reduce the supply of drugs.

Sending millions of dollars to Bogota does little to address the problem. We feel that education and rehabilitation are what the federal government must offer. Bush, however only proposes an increase of \$250 million in federal funding of prevention programs.

Drugs are a \$500 billion business, therefore the President's proposal is a mere drop in the bucket. People must be convinced that drug use is not worth it. That's where more education and rehab comes in, we feel.

Plans to build prisons seem even more futile. By the time the jails are built, which could be several years down the road, the backlog of criminals will have already filled them. Creating more jails will not affect the immediate problem.

Right here in Washington, D.C. the problem is of epidemic proportions. Innocent people are gunned down daily as kingpins make millions off the profits of drugs bought by casual users. More prisons and aid to Columbia are not the answer quite yet. Let's treat the disease, not the symptoms as Bush's plan does.

We all can fight the war on drugs by getting rid of one of its worst enemies—the casual user. This criminal fuels the demand just as much as a hard-core addict. If you're doing drugs, you're putting money in the pockets of the dealers—the dealers responsible for so much of our crime and the destruction of lives.

Also upsetting is that instead of federal funding for education and prevention, the President harks back to one of his campaign themes—reliance on the private sector. A thousand points of light is no way to try and solve the drug problem.

We hope Bush shines more light on the war on drugs that he showed on Tuesday.

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Letters to the editor

The positive side

To title an article which alleges one person's bad experience with one RA in one residence hall, "RA system flawed," is overly broad and needs to be put into proper perspective. I am referring to the August 28, 1989 article authored by Bret Caldwell.

Given that I am new to GW and to GW's Residence Life Department, I have no knowledge of Bret Caldwell's experiences and my intention here is not to dispute Bret's experience, but rather to shine a more positive light on RAs and the residence life system.

The month of August was an exciting and invigorating one for members of the Department of Housing and Residence Life as we prepared for a new school year. Throughout the month, central housing staff, RDs and RAs, each unique in his or her own respect, united as a team to learn, share and explore. Electricity was in the air as new and returning staff members brainstormed on issues including but not limited to policy, programming, counseling and referring and—the thread that holds it all together—community.

RAs are catalysts for action in Residence Life communities. They are, on the whole and from my direct observation, dedicated to the health and growth of the residents on their floors, in their buildings and to the prosperity of the university-wide residence life system.

I feel obliged to clarify Bret Caldwell's allegations regarding RA evaluation and termination procedures. RAs are formally evaluated at the end of each fall semester by their residents and are informally evaluated each day. If a resident has a concern regarding his or her RA, it is that person's right to take the issue to the RD or to the housing office. If RAs fail to comply with regulations and/or to meet expectations, they will be asked not to return. It comes to my attention that RAs have indeed been asked to leave mid-year for inappropriate actions. RAs are not immune to the rules which they enforce.

I urge you to keep the following in mind: not only are RAs responsible to fulfill the expectations of their residents and their directors but they have academic and social pressures of their own. RAs face the challenge of bal-

ancing and managing the myriad of activities in their lives—undoubtedly, this is to be highly respected.

As residents, take advantage of living in a residence hall community where you can lead and get involved through hall council and through participation and interaction with your building. You are at present a member of both that hall's micro-community and your macro-community which includes D.C., the U.S. and the world. Educated leaders and members are needed in all of the above-mentioned communities. Your respective halls, with the help and direction of your RAs can be safe laboratories for personal development as leaders and active members in our co-existing macro-community.

Humans all have flaws. RAs are humans. Thus, RA's will have flaws. But to say the "RA system is flawed" is a sweeping statement that has not been effectively proven by one person's negative experience. RAs have pursued the position because they wanted to work for and with students. Join your student leader—your RA—to make your residence hall and GW a great place to live!

-Kathy R. Frey
-Resident Director, Everglades Hall

Telecom responds

A clarification in response to your editorial about the GW phone system in The GW Hatchet issue dated Monday, August 28, 1989. To set the record straight about the telephone system and your perception about past and future events: Last year the telephones were not "...shut off early, before students had even left their rooms." Local calls and operator-assisted long distance calls could still be made. Access to the GW long distance system was shut off early to allow the University access to issue bills to students before they departed campus. We will probably use the same procedure next spring.

There is no way to completely eliminate student fraud in our telephone system if we continue to allow people to have access to it. We experienced fraud last year and the year before and no doubt we will find some this year. GW is not unique in

this respect. AT&T, the Bell Companies and any university that supplies long distance service spend a lot of time and money investigating fraudulent telephone calls and seeking ways to prevent or at least identify them. We have tried to minimize abuse of the system by assigning individual long distance authorization codes to faculty, staff and students. Most students received codes at their home address during the summer. Students who have not received their codes in the mail may call ACUS (AT&T College and University Systems) at 1-800-445-6063 and will be asked a series of questions as a means of identification. If positive identification is not reached, students are asked to visit the Telecommunications Office for further verification of their status as a valid customer.

We will be receiving reports daily from ACUS identifying possible fraudulent long distance calls or abuses of an authorization code. Also, each student account has an upper limit of \$150 which, if exceeded, will trigger the disconnection of their authorization code. As an early warning, each student that exceeds \$75 in calls will receive a letter from ACUS advising that they have reached the mid-point of their credit limit. The best way, however, to prevent abuses of authorization codes is for each individual to treat their code as they would a credit card or bank card and keep it strictly confidential. Our goal is to provide a good telephone service to the University community at a reasonable cost. This year is no exception. We have made it easier for students to access the system without compromising security or complicating accounting procedures. If, as you suggest, we are more vulnerable to fraud, then we will also be more alert to finding the source and referring offenders to the Student Judicial System.

-Robert L. Longshore
-Director, Telecommunications Services

Editor's note: Residence hall phones were cut off for non-campus service for a weekend at the end of April. The only local and long-distance calls that could be made were operator assisted and had to be made through an often-crowded university switchboard.

Opinion

Response to the many wrongs of Bill Wright

Welcome, class of 1993. To those of you who read Bill Wright's commentary (GW Hatchet, August 31, 1989) allow us to ease your worries. Not everyone at GW is so self righteous as Mr. Wright. Unfortunately, however, you will probably run into more people like Mr. Wright who are willing to toss around accusations without any facts.

We have no wish to make dogmatic judgments such as "Bill Wright is an idiot" or "Bill Wright must be a nerd." Statements such as these have no place in the rational discussion which we would like to hold with Mr. Wright.

To the "poor freshmen" whom Mr. Wright is so concerned in protecting, let us offer you a little bit of advice. For the rest of your life people are going to tell you what to do. If you listen to them rather than making personal, responsible decisions, not only will you not succeed, but you will have a miserable life. If Mr. Wright had truly cared about your welfare he would have advised you to absorb as much information as possible about your choices first, then base your decision on your own judgments and values. Imagine you had been offered

a large box on which Mr. Wright had written, "Do not open!" and you had obeyed only to find to your dismay that the box contained all the riches of the world. Now imagine the box was made of glass and you could see what the box contained, you would be sure to ignore Mr. Wright, and open the box and reap its riches.

Compare this perhaps trite story to Greek rush. Mr. Wright has told you that the Greek system is the downfall of humankind. In fact, he tells you that you shouldn't even bother to find out all of the advantages of being a Greek. We instead urge you to meet as many fraternity and sorority members as possible and decide then, and only then, whether Greek life is for you or not.

Perhaps Mr. Wright has so polluted your mind that you are even wary of approaching any of us. Once again, rest assured all is not as bad as Mr. Wright envisions it to be. Fraternities and sororities are places where human civility still exists. On the issue of hazing, we hope that everyone at GW will remember in the future that hazing is not part of the pledging process. We are in complete agreement with Mr.

Wright that the degradation of pledges and the neglect of studies in no way makes a better person. This is why every fraternity and sorority, not only on this campus but nationwide, has taken steps to prevent hazing from appearing in pledging programs.

Mr. Wright may be interested to find out that Greeks actually excel academically and, in fact, outshine their non-Greek counterparts. In a study conducted by the National Interfraternity Council in 1988, it was discovered that 71 percent of Greeks

of all Fortune 500 executives. In fact, even our own university's president, Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, proudly points out that he, too, is a fraternity man. So you see, Mr. Wright, we do not only "claim to stress academic excellence," we deliver.

As far as the allegation that Greeks pay to make friends, we hesitate whether such a sophomoric statement deserves a reply. Mr. Wright, the dues paid are not membership fees, they are fees which are used for the day-to-day operation of a fraternity or sorority. Also, do not look to join a fraternity or sorority to make friends, we consider each other family.

GW and the surrounding community have gained a lot due to the spirit and unity that this Greek family displays. You will be hard-pressed to find any function on this campus, be it charitable or social, that does not prosper from spirited Greek involvement.

The pursuit of pleasure, Mr. Wright, is not a bad thing. However, like everything else, moderation is the key. Wild, open bashes are no longer the norm among fraternities and no sorority ever hosted a social gathering

where alcohol was served. Fraternities, in reaction to the raising of the drinking age, now also will host smaller parties and be serving less alcohol (and only to those of legal age). Mr. Wright, there is a life in between *Animal House* and "Little House on the Prairie."

Lastly, Mr. Wright, if you are in search of a brothel, we suggest 14th Street not G Street. Little sisters are not merely "tools of pleasure" for fraternity brothers. They are a part of the family and enjoy all the benefits of Greek life.

To the class of 1993, we suggest that you weigh your options. Do not base your decisions on the opinions offered by us, Mr. Wright or anyone else. Your parents have done a good job raising you. They obviously feel that you are ready to live on your own and make mature decisions of your own. During rush, see for yourself all that fraternities and sororities have to offer, and then decide for yourself.

Herbie Mendelson is president of the IFC. Paul Mamalian is rush chairman of the IFC.

Herbie Mendelson Paul Mamalian

graduate college in four years, whereas only 50 percent of those that are not affiliated with a Greek organization graduate in that same time. Among Greeks, excellence is not just a buzzword but a way of life. Note as examples that 75 percent of U.S. Senators are Greek, as are 70 percent

Frats open minds

As it is difficult for a non-Jew to understand what it is like to be Jewish, it is difficult for a non-Greek to understand what it is like to be in a fraternity or sorority. For that reason I invite you, Bill Wright, to talk to someone who has experienced Greek life. You have an open invitation to talk to me or any of my brothers—perhaps then you can see why it is one of the best decisions we ever made. Personally, I too had many of the misconceptions about Greek life that you have, being raised by a radical

Andrew Hawthorn

feminist in Berkeley, Calif. This article alone will not counter all of the lies that often circulate about Greeks, and certainly it does not accurately sum up the Greek experience, but perhaps it is enough to convince you that you should talk with one Greek before you judge us all.

Your piece begins by astutely pointing out hazing as a deterrent to joining a fraternity. Perhaps you were not aware that all national fraternities are against hazing and have taken measures to ensure that it does not continue. And why should hazing continue? Who would want to become a brother to a house that insults you, degrades you and endangers your life? But here at GW hazing is not a practice that most fraternities indulge in, and those that continue will find tough times ahead (if there are any left).

Besides that point, there is much irony in your accusations. You seem to think that we are sexist, yet your attack on the Greek system totally ignores sororities (except to

encourage all not to join them). You may find that these Greeks rush and pledge differently than fraternities.

And, yes, while most fraternities do indulge in alcoholic consumption, every member would tell you that being in a fraternity is a lot more than getting drunk. It is knowing that today's world is easier to tackle as a group than as an individual. It is becoming closer to friends than you could ever imagine. In direct contrast to your point that it limits the time one can spend in other organizations, Greek life increases your political awareness, opens your eyes to campus groups you thought never existed and gives you leadership opportunities that cannot be duplicated by any small club.

Your point that fraternities take away from your studies is obviously in error because Greeks seem to do better academically than non-Greeks. This is true for many reasons including a direct tie to upperclassmen and alumni who have experienced the system, a stress by the brotherhood for academic excellence, tutorial programs and study sessions. Pledges, too, keep the highest academic standard (my GPA was a 3.9 when pledging and has dropped only slightly since).

Perhaps the biggest irony is that you believe we are conformists when, in actuality, we are constantly defending ourselves against misguided critics like yourself. Hopefully, your judgemental attitude has withered slightly and you are not too elitist to think you are above coming to us and seeing what we are really like.

Andrew Hawthorn is rush chairman of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'Elitists' stereotype Greeks

In response to "Beware of the Exclusionary and Elitist Greek System" article in the opinion section of last Thursday's paper, I would like to caution the class of 1993 about "the elitist" who dares to stereotype. It is unfortunate that "dogmatic judgments" need to be made such as "the University community suffers from fraternity partitioning" by people who have not properly researched the Greek system. By this I mean, gathering correct facts from reputable George Washington University-sponsored organizations such as the Panhellenic Association and the Interfraternity Council.

As the President of the Panhellenic Association, I must be very atypical according to the stereotype that "by joining a fraternity, a student limits the time he can devote to what can be considered more constructive organizations," that was mentioned in last Thursday's article. Not only am I the president of the Panhellenic Association, but I am vice president of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society, a member of the campus-wide leadership team and a member of the

planning committee for the Vital Issues Varied Approaches (VIVA) Leadership Conference. Rather, I think you would find that I am "the norm" compared to my fellow Greek friends. Both a fraternity and sorority member have time to write for the Hatchet and at least six Greek mem-

Buffy Seff

bers are in the George Washington University Student Association (GWUSA), including the executive vice president. A member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity is president of the Residence Hall Association and a sorority member is vice president of the Panhellenic and Co-coordinator of the GW Community Action Network, which coordinates community service projects for the campus.

Greek life has taught me leadership qualities and how to work with groups. It has given me a social outlet and a wonderful network of friends, but,

most importantly, Greek life has given me the opportunity to become involved with the university community. I, along with many other sorority and fraternity members, have participated in Miriam's Kitchen and the All-Nighter. We co-sponsored the "Quarter Mile" benefiting UNICEF with the International Student Society and we devote time to many other individual charities.

Class of 1993, I would encourage you all to become involved with the GW community, whether it is through Greek life or through any of the other numerous university-supported activities and clubs. Greek life and the other activities I mentioned have benefited me but I would never suggest these activities are for the entire class of 1993. Each person can make his or her own decision on how to spend four years at this university, but please remember one thing: do not always believe stereotypes and go with an open mind into the next four years.

Buffy Seff is president of the Panhellenic Association.

Honest applause for Bill Wright

I applaud Mr. Wright's intelligent and honest examination of the Greek system's detriments to our academic and social community. He has clearly shown the disintegration of the fraternity from an intellectual institution into one of a destructively dominating social institution. Mr. Wright, furthermore, does not deny the benefits of the fraternity system but has responsibly shown the illusory nature of such benefits.

The fraternity system began in the

sacred and humble beginnings from societies where intelligent conversation, sporting life and revered traditions could be upheld to "build char-

Rob Bole

acter." Now this character building has turned to the mutual exclusion of the larger community in fits of blind "love of brotherhood." The term "I'd die for my brother" has changed from

one of courageous honor to one of sweaty drunkenness in a dark bar amid shots of tequila.

Individually, the frat member is just a student but within the group he becomes a cog, a cog that is turned by a machine he cannot control or does not understand. The fraternity, as Mr. Wright so eloquently put it, robs the individual of his self-choice and identity.

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Write Your Opinions To The Hatchet

Opinion

More views on Greeks: is he wrong or is he Wright?

Greeks help out

"For 133 years, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has promoted social and educational activities that have enriched the lives of thousands of college students. You foster the qualities of charity, brotherhood and responsibility that are a vital part of the American collegiate tradition. You can be proud of the role you play in communities where Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapters are present"—President George Bush on June 21, 1989.

President Bush is not alone in his support for fraternities. Greek organizations like Sigma Alpha Epsilon help to foster noble qualities in young men and women. These collegiates have become presidents, senators, congressmen, governors, Fortune 500 corporate executives, professional athletes and today permeate almost every sector of American society. Greek membership does not guarantee a great future, but over 10 million people have joined national fraternities so far.

Fraternities provide an environment for college students to develop close friendships. While any student is capable of making friends, fraternities promote a unique sense of brotherhood and duty. Drawn closely together by goals and experiences common among the brothers, members of fraternities develop relationships which are hard to find in unorganized groups. These friendships involve individuals who come to universities with diverse backgrounds and experiences. When they come together in a fraternity, they learn an invaluable lesson on how to work effectively in a heterogeneous group. This contradicts the prevailing myth that fraternities are homogenous groups (largely supported by individuals who are not part of the Greek system).

The individual member is not the only one to benefit from the Greek system. Fraternities and sororities provide tens of thousands of dollars and equivalent man-hours in philanthropic endeavors, help out the university with much needed housing, contribute to school spirit and host social events in which all students are invited to join. During my previous three years in the Greek system, I have seen Greeks donate countless hours and dollars to organizations like Miriam's Kitchen, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Big Brother and Big Sisters of Washington and many other well respected charities. These individuals donate their time and money to fulfill their social responsibilities, helping those who are less fortunate. Critics claim that motivation for the charitable acts is due to "enticing" campus awards and recognition for their acts, but history shows that Greeks were active participants in community service before the advent of such awards. The exposure which the Greek community receives from hosting charitable events encourages non-Greeks to participate in philanthropy as well.

Greeks, due to their structure, attend many school events together. These include basketball games, intramural events, movies and other

school functions. At these, the Greek members may be seated next to their brothers or sisters, but they are not there to root for or promote their house, rather they are there to support GW and actively promote school spirit. Some say that fraternities harm school spirit, but schools with the largest Greek systems seem to have the most zeal for their college. For example, the University of North Carolina and Duke University, which both have extremely active Greek systems, have such a tremendous amount of school spirit that for an entire week before they meet in basketball, the students literally camp out on the grass to wait for tickets so that they can root their team to victory.

Greek systems provide many unique facets to university life. Although fraternity or sorority life may not be for everyone, these organizations help promote an enjoyable college experience to many undergraduates, members or not. There are those, like Bill Wright, who feel it is necessary to harshly criticize the Greek system. Although he writes using absolutes and dogmatic statements, he should write the way he feels about the system. Maybe other critics will offer constructive criticism, which the Greek system can use to improve itself. Nothing is perfect, and fraternities are no exception, but we continue to strive to do the best we can.

-Angelo Bianco
-Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity

Greeks succeed

Bill Wright's opinion, "Beware of the exclusionary and elitist Greek system" warrants a response from someone knowledgeable about his subject. Unfortunately, Mr. Wright's article was filled with generalizations and exaggerations. As a member of a sorority and an officer of the Panhellenic Association, I'd like to bring up some points Mr. Wright failed to discover in his scrutiny of the Greek system.

Ironically, the adjectives "exclusionary" and "elitist" are somewhat off base. Twenty percent of GW's undergraduate population is Greek. Membership in the Greek system has skyrocketed over the past few years. Sororities have grown over 100 percent, fraternities over 90 percent.

Scholastically, Greek organizations tend to have higher GPA's than non-Greek organizations. National fraternities and sororities require at least a 2.0 GPA for initiation and active membership. There are several Greeks who are members of honorary academic societies like Beta Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Kappa.

Sororities and fraternities are breeding grounds for potential leaders. Former and present student association presidents, senators, as well as leaders of other "constructive organizations" have come from the Greek system. Very few campus organizations are minus the contributions of Greek members. One thing most students do not realize is that Greeks contribute an enormous amount of time, money and energy to the University and the D.C. community in the

form of community service.

Fewer members of the Greek system transfer from the University. Most Greeks have more school spirit and pride than other students. Next time there's a basketball game, a Program Board concert or just another event in the Marvin Center look around and notice how many Greek letters you see.

Yes, the Greek system does have the problems of hazing and alcohol awareness. The members of the Greek community in conjunction with the administration are working to correct these abuses. Working, feasible policies have been written and are holding individuals responsible.

Finally, to Mr. Wright and any other individual who makes such generalizations, my advice is that these comments show a degree of ignorance. Several members of the Greek system including myself found this article highly offensive. There is so much more to the Greek system beyond the Friday night blow-out party. I do encourage Mr. Wright and any other individual to check out all aspects of the Greek system.

-Maura Blue
-Treasurer, Panhellenic Association

Advice not needed

Mr. Wright:

We're sure the class of 1993 has been beating your door down to thank you for giving them such invaluable advice about the Greek system at GW. Obviously, college freshmen are too naive and immature to formulate their own opinions or make their own educated decisions about whether or not to join a fraternity or sorority.

We applaud you for belittling the Greeks efforts in positive community actions. Of course we only do them to cover up our hedonistic lifestyles. The numerous blood drives for the Red Cross, work done for Miriam's Kitchen, the Sigma Chi Derby Days, the AEPi Basketball Marathon, the SDT M&M-a-thon, the AEPi Dating Game, the SAM Bounce for Beats and countless other philanthropic projects are mere facades to hide our voracious appetites for beer and sex.

Of course, the three little sisters you saw kissing a smug fraternity brother on the cheek were clearly asking to jump in the sack with him, not showing a gesture of friendship. How could such atrocities as kisses on the cheek be hidden from the University's attention for so long? We are ashamed.

Thank you also for bringing to light the valueless rituals of the Greeks of which you know nothing and have never seen. All Greeks will definitely agree with you on this point, as none of us have ever learned anything from our respective rituals.

Above all, we too do not wish to see the GW campus social life dominated by the Greeks. We can see, Bill, how a person like you would be truly threatened by this. Yes, fraternity and sorority power must not be without bounds. We suggest that the University should hire a Greek Life Advisor to work with Fraternities and Sororities to assist them in staying in line with

University policy. We have a friend, Sue Gowen, who is perfect for the job. Have you met her?

-Michael Milstein
-Steve Crane

Wright: no research

I was extremely disheartened by the comments made by Bill Wright in his article on "the exclusionary and elitist Greek system" (August 31, The GW Hatchet). Mr. Wright has created an exceedingly contrived, false and inaccurate account of Greek life at GW.

I pledged the Sigma Chi fraternity last spring, and I have, unlike Bill Wright, first-hand knowledge of the activities involved in pledging. Foremost, pledging did not "undermine our academic success." If anything, it enhanced it. Our pledge class was required to attend study hours, during which we actually did do schoolwork. I actually studied more the semester I pledged than the previous one, and I had a 3.26 GPA at the end of the semester.

The most disturbing aspect of Mr. Wright's article is the lack of any substantial evidence to back up his views. He claims he is not interested in making any dogmatic judgements, yet this is exactly what he proceeds to do throughout the article. Mr. Wright states hazing is a problem, but offers no example of what this hazing might be. It seems as though, without investigation, he assumes such "bad things" go on. Mr. Wright states that by joining a fraternity, one limits his time from other organizations. Once again, this is stated without proof. The brothers of my fraternity are actively involved in every "neglected group" you list—politically, religiously, academically and community oriented.

It would seem, Mr. Wright, that you have forgotten an essential element to writing a piece degrading an organization: research. Perhaps by doing some fact finding and interviewing some members of the groups you so readily downplay, you may change your views slightly. Stop by our house, for instance, we'd be glad to talk to you.

-Mark A. Fisher.

Time not wasted

I would like to take issue with Bill Wright's article "Beware of the exclusionary and elitist Greek system" (August 31, The GW Hatchet). Although there are many things I could easily mention as incorrect about the Greek system, I will hold myself to the ninth paragraph. This paragraph states: "By joining a fraternity, a student limits the time he can devote to what can be considered more constructive organizations (politically, religiously, academically or community oriented groups. I would think almost anything else)."

Since the Fall of 1987, my freshman year, I have been involved in WRGW Radio. I started as a DJ on Saturday nights. During the Spring of 1988, I was the public relations director. All through the 1988-89 academic year I

was an assistant manager. This year I am the general manager of WRGW Radio & Video Services. I represent one of the largest student groups at the George Washington University. Let me describe just two events which directly benefitted the students of GW. Last spring, WRGW broadcasted the two most important events for students—the Joint Elections Committee Election Forum and the election results. These events were broadcast live strictly for the benefit to the many students who could not attend those events (students were being turned away at the door during the results). Those two projects were personally planned and carried out by myself. Because of these broadcasts, WRGW received an Excellence in Student Life Award for University Service. I intend to continue broadcasting vital issues and debates live from the Marvin Center for the students of GW.

I tell you of these projects that benefitted the students for an obvious reason. During the Spring of 1988, I pledged Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. I was able to manage my time very effectively during that tough semester. I learned a great deal from my soon to be brothers there. For example, brother Owen Wild, the then Phi Sigma Kappa president and director of GWUSA's Student Advocate Service, assisted me in selecting important courses for the upcoming semester. In addition, brother Adam Freedman, GWUSA president for the second year in a row, gave me crucial insight to the inner workings of the University's administrative procedures. All this during my pledge period! Incidentally, I was not hazed or degraded, nor was my "academic success" affected. You may not have realized that Raffi Terzian, last year's GWUSA president and Phi Sig brother, worked very hard for the students of GW. As for this year, Phi Sig brother Andrew Flagel, second-time president of the Residence Hall Association (and second time DJ services director for WRGW) continues to serve the residents of George Washington University's residence halls (and provide GW organizations with fantastic DJ service). I have only mentioned brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa here, for I do not know all of the other Greek organizations who have members working for students at GW. I need not tell you who they are, you might even have their letters on your desk at this moment. I know that many Greeks (men and women) have worked hard for the students of GW. I, too, have worked and will continue to work, for the students, faculty, staff and community of GWU.

Phi Sigma Kappa has a saying, which illustrates the feeling of being a brother. I am going to write it here for your benefit, "Damn Proud to be a Phi Sig!" I am very proud of my association with Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. I am sure that there are other letters which address the obvious inaccuracy, naivete, stubbornness and ignorance within your article, so I will end here. By the way, I hope I have not personally offended you.

-Benjamin C. Goldman
-General Manager, WRGW Radio

Opinion

An all-American way to combat world terrorism

There is a town half an hour out of Chicago where the streets are lined with neon beer signs, where there are as many bars as there are spots to put a urinal and drop a bar stool or two. It's a town where the men are men and the women wear spiked heels with spurs ... where a liquor license and a 10 spot can meet and make friends. In this town the laws of the land don't apply, and the pudding that holds the proof is more than herds of minors in a grisly alcoholic drinking frenzy. In Lakewood there is a separate constitution that has no preamble, one article, and no amendments, ever. It is a sentence, three words long, that moves the hearts and minds of the town's mostly working-class citizens, a slogan—the way of life is: "Don't Ta' Push."

The words are emblazoned on the

shirts without sleeves the inhabitants wear. It's emblazoned on their trucks, their uniforms, their pool cues and their coasters. Every Thursday night at the shining star of bars in Lakewood is "Don't Ta' Push" night with quarter drafts and the Unknowns live in concert. The aphorism is the strength of the community and remains with heretics and the ignorant long after their bruises have faded and bones healed. It is perhaps the most celebrated motto and philosophy in the Chicagoland area, and most effective deterrent known to man. It's also the ultimate concept in foreign policy.

The United States, with a population in excess of 250 million, a defense budget which is the second largest in the world and capabilities for destruction that would've made Genghis Khan shudder in horrific disgust has been hounded like a flea-ridden mutt that

just bit the mayor's daughter. World terrorism, manifested most recently by the assassination of Colonel Higgins, sits like a festering sore on America's collective behind. The drug trade, particularly the South and Central American trade, is slowly destroying this country as it consumes the youth,

Rusty Ross

billions of dollars, government resources and moves the population to sanction further conversions toward America the police state, which all reminds me of Lee "Please restrain me" Varon.

I'll never forget the day three

newcomers came to town and into the pre-eminent bar in Lakewood. They stumbled in, arms at their sides as if ready for a gunfight. They approached Lee "Please restrain me" Varon, a future Abe Lincoln of Joliet Prison, while he was wearing his sleeveless "Don't Ta' Push" t-shirt, and said, "Hey shnoz, give us your stool!" Lee's face went from drunk and happy to stone, and he lifted himself from the stool on which he sat. The leader of the bunch made a move to grab it. It was the last thing he did that night. Lee lifted a glass up from the bar and sent it crashing against the guy's thick skull. A head butt and two knees later the altercation had ended. The three newcomers crawled out leaving a trail of their limbs and blood as they departed. The remaining details aren't important (at least until the kids can eat solid food again and the case comes

to trial), but what is important is that Lee "Please restrain me" Varon unknowingly stumbled on the best United States policy against terrorism.

We're not in Vietnam, but America today is under direct attack. It's time for a new Sheriff in Dodge and I nominate anyone who's willing to wear a "Don't Ta' Push" t-shirt to work each day. If only America could find someone with an itchy trigger finger, someone not afraid to stuff Mr. Terrorist's genitals in his mouth and hang his body from the sturdy bough of a tall rotting oak tree so the whole world can see what happens when you push. If President Bush is looking for just such a person I know the region where he should begin his search—Don't Ta' Push country.

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A woman's guide to 'Going Out'

As the 80s slowly come to an end, one must look back and recognize the great words we got from this generation. To begin with, we use words like "sick" and "fresh" to mean that something is really great. These words I am not overly concerned with. The words I am most interested in are those referring to relationships. Words like "dating," "seeing," "going out," and just plain "fooling around" really confuse me.

Let's start with "dating." These days relationships usually don't start with "dates," right? I mean, if someone "dates" it means that a guy calls up a girl and asks her on a date to the movies or out to dinner, etc. Does this really happen in college when a guy and a girl meet? And if it does, which of course it might, then these two people proceed to go to this movie. As they are walking there, he may put his arm around her or hold her hand. Okay, no problem. But ... what happens when they kiss?

From what I understand, when they kiss, they may then be considered "seeing" each other. I thought they were "seeing" each other when they first left on the date. So, "seeing" each other really means that they are just plain "fooling around." This is when I was told that there is a difference between "seeing" each other and just plain "fooling around." I am a little confused on this, but I'll try to explain.

When two people are "seeing" each other, they like to spend time together and share special thoughts and feelings. But what I have trouble comprehending is that if two people are just plain "fooling around," then I'll bet that they also like to spend a lot of time together sharing special feelings. So, a guy and a girl sitting in a room talking can be considered "seeing" each other? No, I was told that they have to be "fooling around" to be "seeing" each other. So now I'm back to square one. Let's take a break on this one for a minute and move on to the big one—"going out."

Automatically, when asking people what the words "going out" meant to

them, the main response I heard was the word "commitment." It seems that two people "going out" only date each other and no one else. Or from the gist of today's relationships, the two date each other and one of the two, or both, secretly dates anyone else they want. But the commitment is still there. There's a lot more than meets the eye when two people are "going out." The male part of this relationship is suddenly responsible for paying for his girlfriend anywhere money is needed, calling her at least once a day and spending at least 75 percent of his time with her.

Marlo Brawer

Here is where I got confused again, this time with the word "girlfriend." A girlfriend is logically a girl who is a friend, right? No, I was told. A girlfriend is a girl who is "going out" with a guy. So what happens if a guy and a girl go to the movies, he pays and afterward they fool around—are they boyfriend-girlfriend? Well, that all depends on whether he has asked her to "go out" or not. I thought he did ask her to "go out"—to the movies. No, it's the "going out" that means commitment, I was told.

Today's generation really does confuse me with all these words and labels. Why does everyone worry about what they are with a person of the opposite sex? Why can't a guy and a girl just enjoy spending time together without always trying to put a label on it? The answer I received to this question: Most girls don't like to "fool around" with a guy unless they are at least "seeing" him or preferably "going out" with him. But, these days, isn't "fooling around" how most relationships start anyway?

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GW's publicity problems

American University President Richard Berendzen has an annual back-to-school breakfast with reporters at the National Press Club which generates interesting articles in papers across the country (e.g., "AU Chief Predicts Bidding Wars," The Washington Times), and at least gets his name in the papers.

Georgetown University is constantly sponsoring seminars which not only make news, but also wind up on C-SPAN television, helping to make "Georgetown University" a household name.

I know from frequent experience that many people, including presumably knowledgeable members of the press, legislators, their staffs and other people from outside the Beltway, don't even know there is a George Washington University in the district. When they ask me where I teach and I tell them, they often ask: "Did you say Georgetown?"

One measure, and admittedly only one measure, of how well we are doing getting our name before the public can be obtained from NEXIS, a large, easily searched data base of many major newspapers, magazines and other publications.

Recently I asked NEXIS to count how many times the names "Harvard University," "Yale University," "Georgetown University," "George Washington University," and "American University" were mentioned during three randomly selected months in 1989.

During each of the three sample months, GW not only did significantly worse than powerhouses Harvard and Yale, but also substantially less well than both

Georgetown and American. This was true even in July, when the sizable differences are not likely to be caused by newspaper articles about each university's sports programs.

Naturally, I didn't take the time to read each of the articles, and so some may have been unfavorable and/or caused by unusual events unlikely to reoccur. However, given the very significant and consistent differences between GW and the other four schools, it seems likely

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that our voices are not being heard as often as they should, at least in the nation's press.

Does our president, like American's, annually address a breakfast or another function at the National Press Club? If not, why not?

During the year to date (8/26), I found only one article in NEXIS mentioning President Tractenberg, although, since he is our universi-

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ty's chief spokesman, our public relations people should be doing as much as possible to see that his

name is before the public. In contrast, my own name appeared 28 times, virtually all as a result of my own efforts.

We have many other very talented people at our university who engage in many newsworthy activities, and have a lot of interesting things to say about current events. Maybe they're not being heard from by the public as often as they should be.

Because we have such ready access to one of the largest concentrations of media in the country, we have an opportunity to reach out to the public which simply isn't available in Cambridge, New Haven or in any other city (with the possible exception of New York). But are we making use of this most valuable resource and unique asset effectively?

I wrote this article to raise these important questions, not necessarily to try to answer them. Perhaps my colleagues in the journalism school can examine the issue in light of their greater expertise, and provide some answers.

Publicity is, of course, not the only measure of a university. But it is also true that the finest minds, generating the most profound ideas, writing the most innovative articles in scholarly journals and teaching the best courses are not going to substantially improve our university's reputation among members of the public unless and until the public hears about them.

More vigorous press relations is one answer.

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year. He also noted that both the Equal Opportunity Program, designed to attract D.C. youth, and the Naval ROTC's Boost program have seen increases in minority members.

Trachtenberg also spoke of what he termed the "teaching versus research" debate. Amidst the recent flux of reports of universities cutting back on undergraduate curricula regarding liberal arts and social sciences, he spoke

of GW finding a balance.

"GW's faculty, deans and administrators have succeeded in achieving a degree of informal consensus with regard to teaching and research that many other universities might well feel inclined to envy," he said.

He attributes this consensus to an academic balance that is being synthesized into GW policy.

Trachtenberg emphasized both teaching and research, instead of one or the other. Not only has funding for research been increased on many levels, but many academic improvements are being implemented as well,

he said. Included among these academic improvements are training for all graduate teaching assistants to assist them in instructing undergraduates, bolstering the visibility, identity and importance of Columbian College as the center of GW and the expanding the scope of the Co-op Education Program.

GW scored a major success, according to Trachtenberg, when the U.S. Department of Education awarded it a \$1.2 million grant to assist students in the School of Education and Human Development, the School of Government and Business Administration and

the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The grant will go toward paying the administrative costs of the program. As a result, GW will be able to initiate and maintain a model co-op program.

On a lighter note, Trachtenberg expressed pride in "the growing sense of a George Washington University identity that transcends, while it incorporates, all of our separate interests and concerns." As an example, he quoted from a recent issue of *Money* magazine that identifies GW as having the sixth-highest percentage of students that go on to graduate studies.

Trachtenberg also expressed pride in GW's new campus in Loudoun County, Va.

Quoting from the a prospectus prepared by GW Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French, Trachtenberg set out the four primary criteria for the Northern Virginia campus: quality of programs, content of programs, meaning innovation and interdisciplinary studies, visibility on a global level and community-based offerings to aid business and government needs for research and education.

He closed his speech by appealing to the faculty to "work together to become what it is perfectly possible for us to be—a flagship university in a world of new rules, new challenges, and new opportunities."

In addition, two former acting deans were introduced as full deans at the faculty assembly. Dean Robert Kenney became the new dean of the CCAS, and Ben Burdetsky became the new dean of the SGBA.

The deans of the respective schools also introduced their new instructors. Among them is Robert Miller, former ambassador to the Ivory Coast and Malaysia and now the U.S. State Department's Diplomat in Residence at GW.

Trachtenberg welcomed Walter Bortz from the University of Hartford, who will serve as the first vice president of administration and information.

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Morris makes proposal to solve housing shortage

by Rob Schildkraut
Hatchet Staff Writer

A resolution sponsored by GW Student Association President John David Morris indicating displeasure with the fall registration process highlighted this year's first GWUSA Senate meeting, Tuesday.

In response to lines that twisted around the Marvin Center Terrace causing thousands of GW students to wait for hours to complete registration, Morris proposed the legislation.

"University bureaucracy should never reach the level where its usefulness is substantially outweighed by its negative impact on students," he said.

According to the resolution, GWUSA will "officially notify the University administration of its displeasure with this fall's registration process and seek extensive and immediate review of registration policy with student input into that process." The legislation passed the senate by a 10-to-five vote.

Although many said they thought the bill was a step in the right direction, there is still some question as to what the legislation will accomplish.

Columbian College Senator Vellie Melson, one of the senators who voted against the bill, said, "It is important that the bill be specific, and to mention all of the students that were dropped even though they paid their bill in full."

GWUSA Executive Vice President Jon Klee said he believed action should be taken.

"Just because a student doesn't mail in their (bill) doesn't mean they don't want their classes," he said. "This policy needs to be changed."

This is the first time in memory, Klee said, that a GWUSA president sponsored a bill that was presented to the Senate.

"It is a precedent setting maneuver that a president sponsored a bill," he said.

Members of the GWUSA executive also spoke to the senate.

Andy Alperstein, GWUSA vice president for financial affairs, spoke to the Senate about the process of student groups receiving their allocated funding from GWUSA.

"It is a very complicated process dealing with the University and if we can make it easier we should."

In other business, GWUSA Vice

President for Legislative and Judicial Affairs Delaine Swenson pointed out four areas that the newly created Task Force on Judicial Issues will be concerning itself with—the creation of a student court, the student association by-laws, the student association code of professional conduct and election reform.

Chairmen from the finance, rules and student activities committees pres-

ented updates on their business.

Melson, student activities committee chairman, outlined what he said needed to be accomplished.

"One of the top priorities will be the student directory. It will definitely be available by next fall," he said.

Melson added that he would try to have a public hearing to discuss the freshman overcrowding situation.

Finance Committee Chairman

Christian "Gig" Downs, in discussing the overcrowding situation, said, "You wouldn't believe how crowded it is in Thurston. There are people on top of people."

Downs also expressed outrage that students were paying for triples despite the fact that in many cases there is an extra person in living in their rooms.

As usual, political maneuvering also took place at the meeting.

GWUSA Senator-At-Large Andrew Hawthorn announced that he has no plans on running for higher office next year, ending all speculation.

"I believe I can get more done in the Senate than at present because I am not bogged down by the bureaucracy."

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grudgingly sent a check July 22 to CSS. She was later notified by CSS over the phone that she should contact the company five days before return-

ing to campus. When Dooley returned, she was notified that her property would be delivered Aug. 25, but when the day arrived neither Brown nor her property were anywhere to be found and her repeated attempts to reach CSS proved futile.

Following the successful investigation by the combined efforts of several local universities, however, her proper-

ty has been located and will soon be returned. The other universities affected besides GW and Howard include Georgetown, Catholic and American, Harwell said.

"Housing is trying to work out an arrangement to transfer goods from storage to residence halls," David McElveen, associate director of GW's Office of Housing and Residence Life,

said Tuesday.

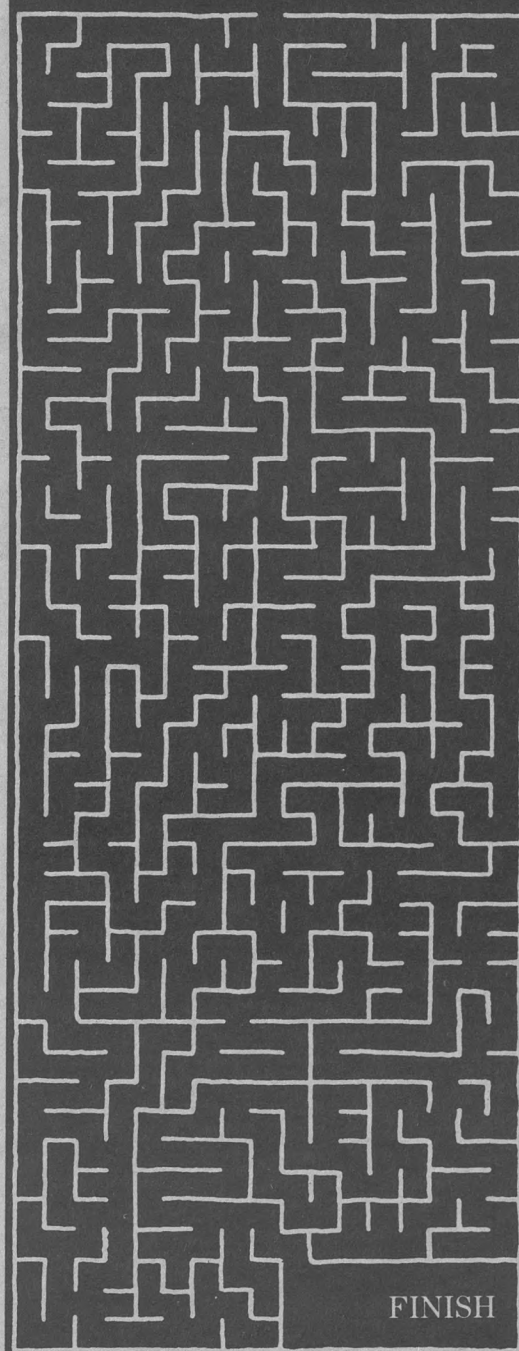
"(Housing) does not feel responsible in any way (for the storage snafu)," he said, adding that assistance in retrieving the goods is "a humanitarian gesture."

Another controversy surrounding CSS is the way the company advertised their services to students.

Flyers were put up in the Marvin Center and many residence halls, as well as under the doors of individual rooms, Harwell said.

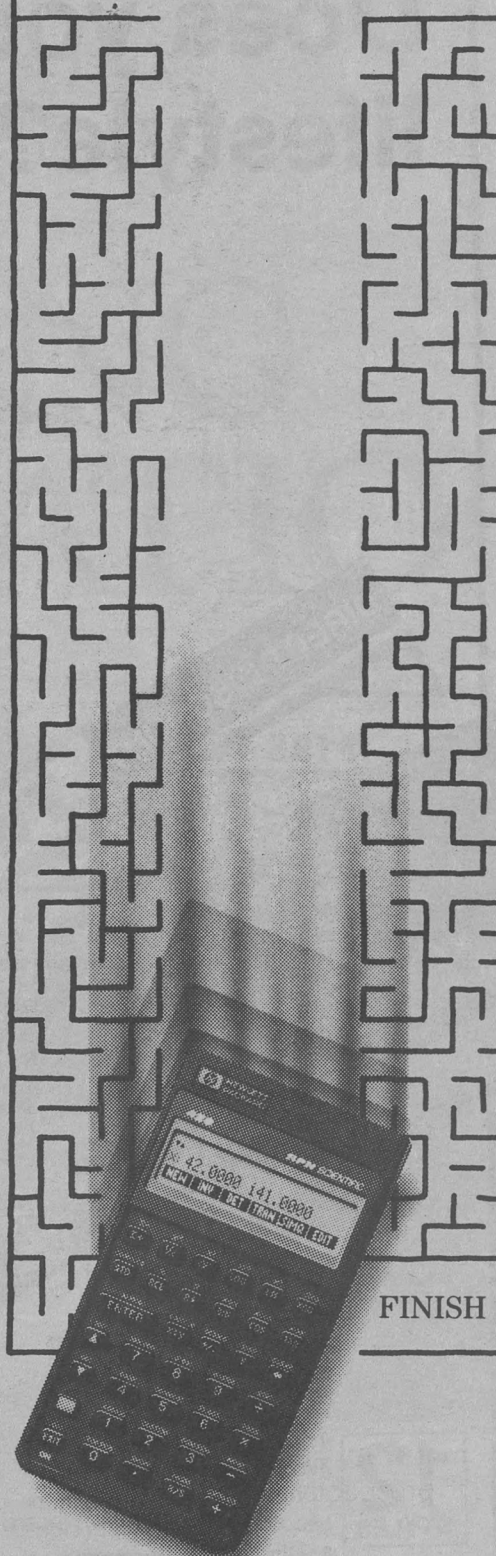
Asked whether she sanctioned the placing of these flyers in the residence halls, Housing and Residence Life Director Ann E. Webster, who must clear all solicitation in the residence halls, replied, "Absolutely not. Solicitation is against the rules and this was done without the knowledge or authority (of housing)."

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ECM interim chaplain position filled

by Sharyn Wizda
News Editor

Lindsay Biddle has been chosen as GW's Ecumenical Christian Ministry interim chaplain until Jan. 1, 1990, when a permanent replacement for the Rev. Bill Crawford will be picked by the GW Board of Chaplains.

Biddle, 28, said she is excited about her new position, especially because she is succeeding Crawford.

"I feel great about following him because he set up such a good program," she said, adding that she is not worried about comparisons to Crawford because "each campus minister has their own style."

"I feel flattered to be following in his footsteps. He was so well-known."

Biddle, a candidate for the Presbyterian ministry, came to GW from Wesley Theological Seminary in the district. She previously served as interim minister at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

Under her supervision, the ECM will also be continuing two programs Crawford initiated, Biddle said. The "Bread and the World" program provides a forum for students to discuss social justice issues from the perspective of faith.

"Hopefully, participants will bring issues with them," Biddle said. "For example, education students may bring child care issues or government majors may discuss issues important to them. I'm relying on students to bring the

content." The program is held Tuesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. in the ECM house at 609 21st St., N.W.

"Blessed be the Ties that Bind" allows students to discuss family relationships in a religious context, she said. It is held Thursday nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the ECM office at 2131 G St., N.W.

Biddle will also be working with GW CAN co-coordinators Dean Lubnick

and Jill Pincus as a supporter and will help initiate plans for Miriam's All-Nighter.

One of the stipulations of her interim job is that Biddle is not eligible for the permanent position, she said, adding that she and her husband, who is graduating this winter from the University of Maryland, will be looking for jobs in different sections of the country.

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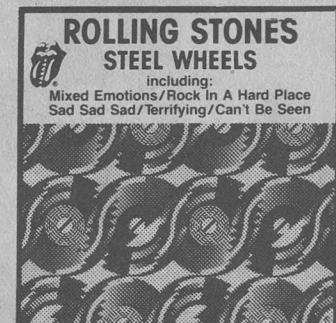
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Sigma Chi named 3-time winner

GW's Sigma Chi Fraternity was recently chosen as one of 22 chapters nationwide to receive the Peterson Significant Chapter Award for 1988-89.

According to Sigma Chi President Mike Milstein, all 210 Sigma Chi chapters apply for this award—"the highest honor a Sigma Chi chapter can get"—which is given in recognition of outstanding fraternity accomplishments during the past year.

This year marks the third time in a

row GW's chapter has received this award. The chapter also was honored in 1979-80.

The award, which began in 1963, was named for former Sigma Chi Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson. It recognizes good performance by chapters in all major fields, Milstein said.

He said the criteria include the financial stability of the chapter, the academic standing of the brothers and pledges, the number of pledges re-

tained during each pledge class, the condition of the house, public relations, community activities and the amount of fundraising achieved.

Each year, chapters complete an in-depth application to be reviewed by a committee of judges.

"Our application this year was over 60 pages long," Milstein added.

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-Jim Peterson

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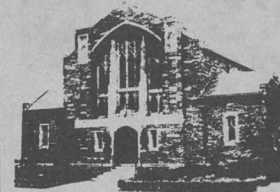
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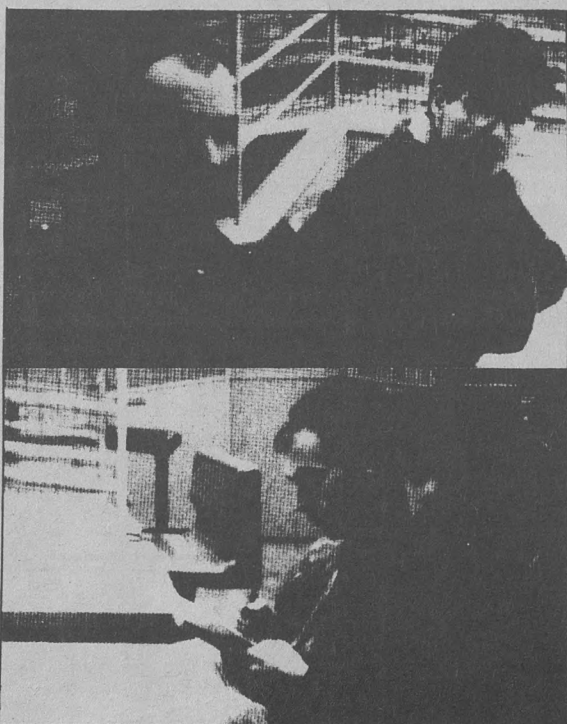


Fugazi fights the status quo

by Jon Druy

In between songs at a recent outdoor Fugazi show, Ian MacKaye stepped to the microphone and said, "All of you going to college in the next week, stay (politically) active. Don't just go and party. That fucks shit up."

What Ian just said repeats, though far less eloquently, the message ambitiously pursued on Fugazi's second EP, *Margin Walker*. Most of his songs on this record turn into an urgent call to end this complacent age and become actively involved in facing up to America's growing, yet



The band (clockwise from left): Ian, Brendan, Guy and Joe largely ignored problems. But the call for change, according to the EP, must come from inside.

While *Margin Walker* is more overtly political than the previous Fugazi EP, it retains the same lyrical elements that this D.C. band's debut had—the character sketches of mentally distressed individuals crossed with an individualist sentiment MacKaye hasn't lost from his Threat/Embrace days. The cross is underlined by the fact that MacKaye sings most of the songs that are calls for social change, while Guy Picciotto, Ian's right-hand man and lead non-singer (call him speaker, call him punctuator, call him anything you want) covers the outside-world-is-tearing-me-apart songs. It's all done to unpredictable effect over Ian's array of inventive guitar sounds, out-of-place power chords and bassist Joe Lally's pointed bass. It's a tense yet completely accessible sound.

The EP opens with the record's title song. It improves upon "Glue Man" and "Burning" from the first album in its depiction of a suffering character. In this case it's a guy insanely obsessed with a woman who is unreachable yet visible. A TV star maybe? "Untraceable, untranslatable, I can't explain all I ever wanted to do./ Trajectory passing right through me/ threads my needle sends it right to you," Guy passionately speaks over the band's controlled noise. The song was written in December, but it might as well be about TV star Rebecca Shaffer's tragic death at the hands of a crazed fan last summer.

"Walker" leads right into a more mellow tune, "And the Same," which is Ian's keynote address. He sings, "Yes I know this is politically correct/ but it comes to you spiritually direct/ an attempt to thoughtfully affect/ your way of thinking." The last line is the key line of the song, calling for an attitude change before anything else can happen.

The same goes for the next tune, a powerful song about the environment, "Burning Too," which criticizes the

complacent attitude that "fucks shit up." Guy speaks and Ian sings at the same time over a tense bass line echoing "Waiting Room," off the debut EP—"Anytime but now./ Anywhere but here./ Anyone but me./ I've got to think about my own life." It changes key and Guy starts yelling, sounding as contorted as the Margin Walker in the first song: "We gotta put it out!" Ian responds "The Earth is burning."

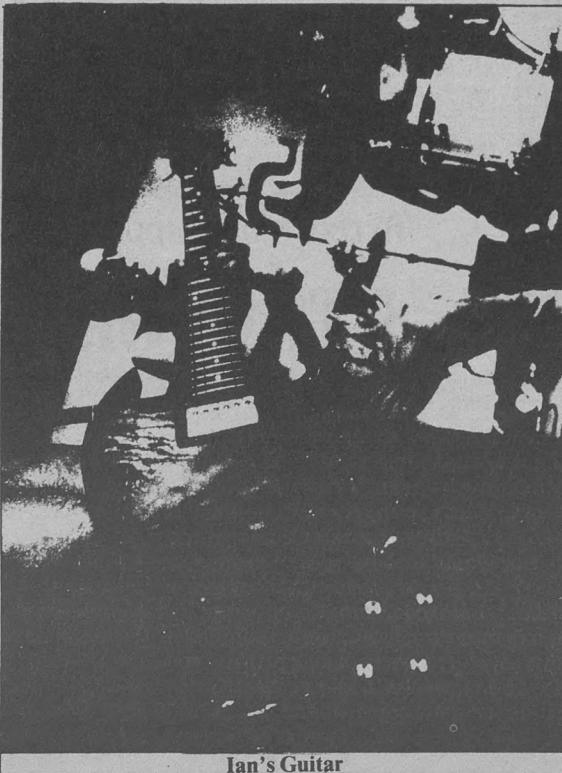
As Fugazi's environment anthem, it's chilling. The song and first side end with the band yelling "Do it," another battle cry.

The second side is musically less consistent and lyrically more subtle. The best song, "Lockdown," outlines the reason none of the leaders in this town are directly concerning themselves with America's deteriorating problems. "Smear my lips let them slip into a smile because now after awhile it's all we're seen to do," Guy blurts over a compelling guitar phrase thanks to Ian, "Cause business is as business does/ trash is trash until it's sealed from above and left on to the corner of your mind to disappear./ Lockdown the remains." It's their response to the "Don't Worry, Be Happy" era.

The album ends with "Promises," which is rather uneven, but picks up with a tempo change and a call for responsibility: "Go where you think you want to go./ Do everything you were sent here for."

There's a lot of sound in this record. As a band, Fugazi has it completely together (when the sound system is up to par their live show is one of the best around). Drummer Brendan Canty holds it all together and bassist Joe Lally provides a tense backdrop for Ian's guitar wallop, which provides the melody when Guy's voice doesn't. Though it's far enough from its hardcore roots to place them at number 13 on the progressive charts, it doesn't mean they've compromised their sound for greater popularity. If anything, it should give credibility to a genre largely ignored by the mainstream yet not completely underground, thanks to word of mouth and college radio.

In a day and age where our pop culture is recycling itself, it's nice to know that besides Public Enemy and Boogie Down Productions, there's music being made that directly confronts the unbudgeable status quo. Although it may be a few years ahead of its time, Fugazi and *Margin Walker* provide music both harsh and listenable that contradicts anyone who says there's nothing good coming out anymore.



Ian's Guitar



Michael J. Fox and Sean Penn

Fox, Penn rescue Casualties of War

by Ford McLain

The last thing I needed to see this decade was another Vietnam War film that focused on the U.S. Army as villains or on gung-ho "universal soldiers." Walking into *Casualties of War*, I was expecting very much the same. What was worse was that TV comedian Michael J. Fox, who I'm not a fan of, had been cast as the young and naive grunt who witnesses and condemns the evils of war. Thank goodness Brian DePalma directed it and Sean Penn had been cast as the villain, otherwise I would have avoided the movie altogether.

Casualties of War turned out not to be another moralizing thought piece. Instead it provided the audience with insight into what were the four most permanently injured characters in the movie and, symbolically, the four parties most damaged by the Vietnam War.

The movie follows the path of a platoon squad on a reconnaissance mission after the death of one of their buddies in a village thought to be peaceful. With the exception of Pvt. Eriksson (Fox), the other three soldiers, led by Sgt. Meserve (Penn), plan and carry out a vindictive kidnapping, rape and eventual cold-blooded murder of a young Vietnamese woman. After the horrors in the jungle, Fox tries to report the crime to his platoon and company commanders, who tell him that he is ignorant of the larger scheme of things. Justice eventually is provided, but everyone comes out of scarred.

The film, of course, points out that the first casualty are the innocents of war. The girl represents the civilian caught in the crossfire with no part in making policy or waging war. She is the girl in the famous *Life* magazine photo of the bombing of Me Lai. Both Fox's character and the audience react by feeling guilty.

The second casualty is Fox, who feels guilty of the actions of his colleagues and the same helplessness that the girl has.

The third victim is the U.S. Army, which—like the citizens of Vietnam—has no choice in its involvement and came out of Vietnam scarred by the vulgar activities of many of its members in the rank and file. Admittedly, I feel a certain sympathy for the soldiers and the entire army, because they were thrown into a fight over which they truly had no control.

The fourth victim, most surprisingly, is Penn. Although he is the obvious heavy who has premeditated his crime, Penn's character had suffered a traumatic loss of a friend in the village mentioned above. In his court martial, he claims that he saved babies' lives using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and that he values human life.

What is tragic in his character is his inability to define a clear enemy. His own twisted sense of justice causes him to have an innocent person brutally murdered to avenge the death of his buddy. The Sgt. Meserve and the Lt. Calley of the Vietnam War were casualties in a very different and more permanent way than Eriksson, the girl or the U.S. Army. Through their actions, their loss was their own humanity and souls.

In a way, *Casualties of War* was a typical Vietnam film. DePalma uses Thailand's landscape well and provides beautiful backdrops for the war. Vietnam movie clichés such as the 60s rock soundtrack are also present. It is the actors and the character studies that take *Casualties of War* above the normal level. It takes a lot for Fox and Penn to deliver their roles without making them look like cardboard, and they both succeed. Penn is reliably brilliant, but is the one who has Fox found his role—that of a simply good human being. As Tom Cruise is usually excellent as a jackass, Fox plays the good guy very well and should stick to this type of character. Without these two excellent performances the movie would have been lost, because everything else made it seem like just another Vietnam war film.

Arts and Music

Romero: the fight for El Salvador

by Liz Pallatto

What would it take? What amount of cajoling and pleading would it take before finally you allowed yourself, eyes rolling, to be dragged into an unabashedly political movie about the life of an El Salvadoran archbishop?

Consider it done. *Romero* is, granted, not the movie to see in lieu of the new Stallone flick. It is a very serious movie with some goriness (bodies after death squad attacks) and a strong message, but one that aims at not only El Salvador but all countries in which there are human rights violations and people who oppose them. Combine this with fine acting by an ensemble cast and lush cinematography that brings the people and country of El Salvador alive, and *Romero* becomes a movie you won't want to miss.

The movie covers the period of time from when Oscar Romero was chosen to be Archbishop of San Salvador until his assassination while celebrating mass in 1980.

Romero, a quiet, admittedly bookish church man, was made archbishop precisely for these reasons, in the belief that he would be a conservative influence on the church, and unlikely to protest against the actions of the new autocratic government supported by the United States.

This hope is at first realized. Romero ignores the warnings and words of close personal friends in the clergy, who have become progressively more radical, and sides with the conservative members of the church.

But soon events bring him inevitably face to face with problems that he must resolve. A radical priest, a boy and an old man are gunned down by death squads, and more and more people bring him stories of "disappearances" of family members. Romero feels personally responsible for the well-being of his clergy, "his people," and is professionally held responsible for their actions.

The question of which path he should choose, passive resistance, active aggression or some combination, becomes both a religious and a personal question. Romero is plagued by indecision, fear for his people, some of which join the side of the Marxist guerillas, and fear for himself. Ultimately this is not just the story of Romero, but a story of every person killed as a result of his or her beliefs.

The movie is a first for Paulist Pictures, funded by the Catholic Communications Campaign. The Paulists are members of a Roman Catholic order of priests devoted to spiritually serve all faiths and the agnostic.

The producer, Father Ellwood Kieser, inspired by the Romero story, worked first to

make a TV movie. When the story was rejected on the premise that it was too depressing or controversial, he shifted towards movie production.

Ellwood, who for years produced the Emmy award-winning religious program "Insight," convinced John Sacret Young, co-creator of the TV program "China Beach," to write the story. Then he brought in Australian John Duigan to direct his first American film.

As Oscar Romero, Raul Julia (*Kiss of the Spider Woman*) brings a sense of gravity and a gentle sensitivity overlaying the inner turmoil Romero experiences. Especially memorable is a moment when the archbishop is singing an old folk song with a group of nuns during a quiet morning in the church kitchen. Julia's co-stars are equally well chosen, all taking to their roles with a gentleness that is usually difficult to find in the portrayal of Latin American characters.

In the movie's production, Ellwood and Duigan were careful to use extras and locations as authentic as possible. Filming took place in Mexico with a large number of El Salvadoran cast members.

The care and thought that went into this movie is readily apparent. While it is a religious story, it is also a historical and political story. Sixty-thousand El Salvadoran people have been killed or have disappeared since 1980. For that reason alone, you should see this movie.



Raul Julia as Romero

Good cast, witty performances toast *Cocktail Hour*

by Jeff Goldfarb

It seems in recent times that theater productions have been impressing audiences with extravagant special effects, lavish costuming, thought-provoking lighting, awe-striking sets and dazzling musical productions. A.R. Gurney's "The Cocktail Hour," however, contains no flashy, high-flying chandeliers, no impeccably feline faces, no miserable scenes in darkness and no music. This show thrives on the simple fundamentals of theater—a clever, insightful script that hits close to home thanks to cogent actors.

The play centers on the dynamics between two parents in their mid-70s, Bradley and Ann, and two of their three children, John and Nina. John, a publisher and struggling playwright, provides the major conflict when he asks the permission of his parents to present on stage a drama he has written entitled "The Cocktail Hour." His play, as he explains to his parents, is about his family. Bradley vehemently disapproves of his son's idea, contesting that he does not wish

to be publicly humiliated during his dying days.

The fact that this Kennedy Center production features the original New York cast is a bona-fide plus. These actors are familiar with each other and therefore react in a life-like manner,

fashioned businessman, as well as the genuine affection of a man who loves his wife of 50 years. The generation gap between Bradley and his children is also true to life as Bradley constantly questions John's and Nina's motives rather than accepting them. Disap-

overacts, she portrays her character effectively. Nina is a housewife who wants to pursue a hobby of training seeing-eye dogs. This would entail abandoning some of her motherly and wifely duties for a period of time, and Taylor convincingly conveys the

four. His voice failed to broadcast effectively and was often difficult to hear. Although his character seemed to fit, Davison had trouble displaying anger, and when yelling, his lines were sometimes not understandable. Davison understood the frustrated son role, although this made it easier to sympathize with his situation. He seemed more comfortable in scenes with Nina and Ann, and was particularly strong in the climactic heart-to-heart scene with his mother. Unfortunately, his all-important father-son relationship with Bradley was the most ineffective.

Nancy Marchand as Ann simply stole the show. Her nasal, motherly tone was wonderful. She frequently offered humorous truisms such as, "Psychiatrists make you think about yourself too much." Her light-hearted coyness can be described as nothing other than delightful.

"The Cocktail Hour" best compares to a Norman Rockwell painting. It shows you something about yourself in a light-hearted, yet blunt way. It makes you smile and laugh on the outside, while inside you realize the reason it's funny is because it's true.



Nancy Marchand and Keene Curtis in "The Cocktail Hour," at the Kennedy Center until Sept. 23

providing banter and timing which gives the play its realistic feel.

Bradley, portrayed by Keene Curtis, is the perfect upper-class, distanced father. His character is written so that he can show emotion, but obviously does not enjoy it. Curtis displays the dignity one would expect of an old-

pointingly, though, Gurney turns Bradley into a softy in the end, and for the last five minutes, his wonderful character is gone.

The brash daughter, Nina, is played by Holland Taylor, recognizable as Tom Hanks' boss on TV's "Bosom Buddies." Although she slightly

dilemma. Nina also provides explanations for her father's behavior to John. Nina and John are playful, argumentative, understanding and supportive of one another and are believable as middle-age siblings.

As John, Bruce Davison winds up giving the weakest performance of the



Dreyfuss and Streisand in court

Nuts, Suspect tonight

The films *Nuts* and *Suspect* are being shown at the GW National Law Center tonight as part of the GW Program Board's Fall 1989 film series.

Since both films contain a Hollywood-style courtroom element, they were chosen to appeal to law students as well as the rest of the GW community. By showing them at the law school, PB hopes to make the series more accessible to a segment of the student body that doesn't frequently attend our films.

Nuts stars Barbra Streisand as Claudia Draper, a high-priced prostitute who is accused of murdering a client, and Richard Dreyfuss as the lawyer assigned to represent her. Draper's sanity is the crucial issue, since if she is found insane she cannot stand trial and will be institutionalized. Draper is fighting to be declared sane, but oscillates between being quick witted and sharp tongued one

moment, yet sometimes becomes violent and incoherent. *Nuts* also stars Karl Malden and Maureen Stapleton as Draper's parents. Leslie Nielsen plays the murdered client.

Suspect is a suspense-thriller set in Washington, starring Cher and Dennis Quaid. Cher plays a public defender assigned to defend a deaf and dumb homeless man accused of murdering a Justice Department clerk. Quaid plays a lobbyist serving as a juror who discovers a piece of evidence crucial to clearing Cher's character's client. By revealing the evidence, he breaks the law and endangers both their lives.

Nuts is being shown at 8 p.m. followed by *Suspect* at 10:30 tonight in Lerner Hall, room 101.

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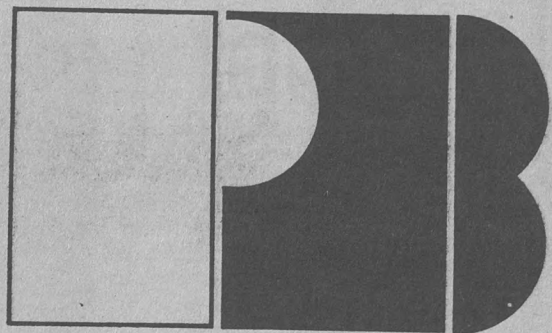
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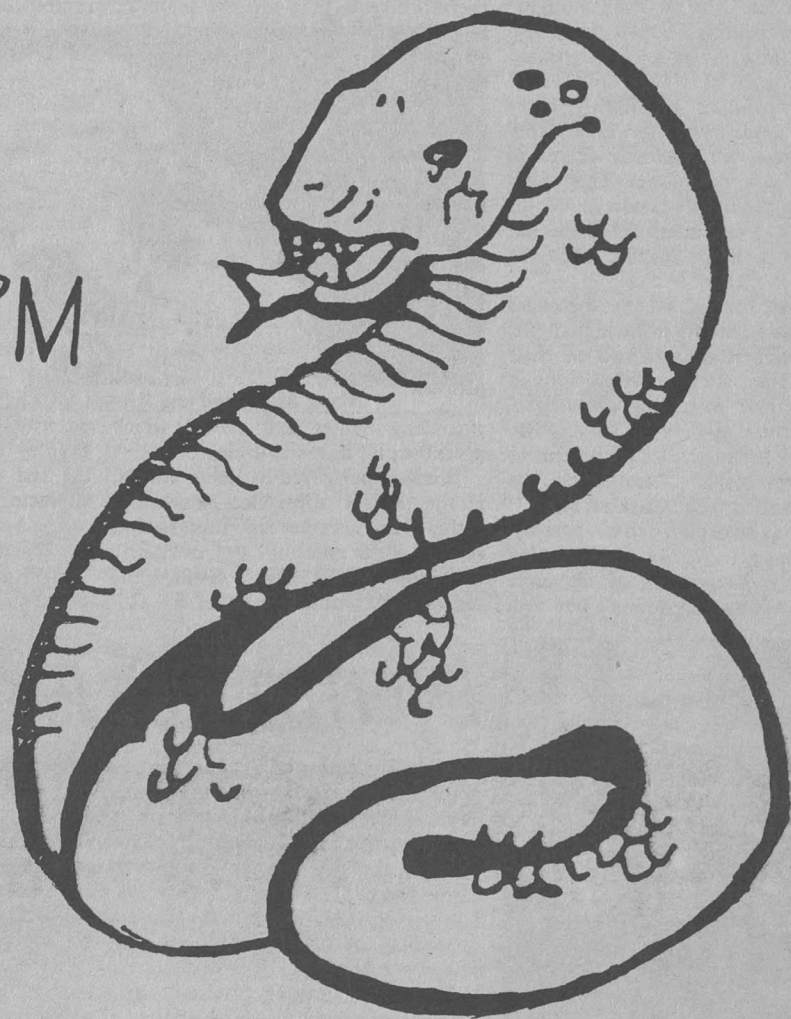
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'Fall of Humanity' at this year's Fest

by Lisa Leiter
Hatchet Staff Writer

The forces of good and evil will join together Saturday afternoon in order to celebrate the Fall of Humanity—this year's Fall Fest, the Program Board's annual fall party.

In order to illustrate this year's theme, a Garden of Eden scene will be created with characters such as priests, nuns, an angel and Satan.

"It should be a really good time," said PB Vice Chairperson Kim Flynn. "Fall Fest is a great way for new students to come out, have a great time and meet people."

Two live bands will perform and WRGW will supply music between shows. The names of the bands cannot be released because of an agreement in the contract, according to Flynn.

"If we released the names, then we would get many people from outside GW," she said.

Some of the activities scheduled for the day include a moon bounce and "Shoot Yourself," a photo booth where friends can get together and take pictures. Some pictures will appear in the Cherry Tree yearbook, said Kate

Eady, PB Parties Committee chairperson.

WRGW will also be giving away 100 pairs of free movie tickets—50 to the Sept. 12 showing of *A Dry White Season* in Lisner Auditorium and 50 to the Sept. 14 showing of *True Love* at the Tenley Theater, station manager Ben Goldman said.

Along with the other attractions, a Ben and Jerry's ice cream truck may appear at the festival, she said. Volunteers will serve cotton candy, popcorn, candy apples, soda and beer (for those with proper GW and age ID). Free t-shirts and cups will also be given at the entrance while available.

The ages of those who come to Fall Fest this year could affect the serving of beer at other school events in the future, Flynn said. In order to serve alcohol, 50 percent of those attending the event must be of age.

"The data collected at this event could determine the alcohol policy for the other events planned throughout the year," she added.

Fall Fest will be from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on the Quad. In case of bad weather, the rain site, the Smith Center, will be used.

Convocation to kick off year Celebration will include student parade, ceremony and party

by Patrice Sonberg
and
Karmela Lejarde
Hatchet Staff Writers

The ninth annual Opening Convocation tomorrow will be the "most fun and largest yet," according to GW Student Association President John David Morris.

"I believe GW deserves a united ceremony to kick off its academic year," Morris said. "Something similar to the opening ceremony to the Olympic games."

New University Marshal Jill Kasle is in charge of the planning of the event.

"Convocation literally means 'a coming together,'" Kasle said. "Convocation has a long and distinguished tradition of being a ceremony that opens the academic year."

Some of the highlights include a parade of administration, faculty and campus groups, beginning at the Gelman Library courtyard. The ceremony itself will be held after the parade, followed by a party on the University Yard.

In addition, Kasle said, there is a new attraction to the parade—a New Orleans-style jazz band.

"It was ... Trachtenberg's idea," Kasle said. "Ella Fitzgerald's bassist will be there, along with several other members of her band."

Besides the New Orleans flavor, this year's event was patterned after last year's convocation, Kasle said.

"We didn't want to tamper with a successful formula," she added.

According to Morris, GWUSA has launched an "all-out" publicity campaign in order to mobilize the entire student body.

"The University marshal shares the same enthusiasm," he added.

"The Student Association has made Convocation the focal point of our efforts these first few weeks," said Kerry Kane, GWUSA vice president for public relations. "We are really excited about it and have been mobilizing students and getting them involved."

The ceremony will be at noon in Lisner Auditorium, where guests from five different areas of the University will speak. The GW Troubadors will also be performing.

According to Kane, Convocation will be more streamlined than in past years, and the ceremony will be considerably shorter.

Morris said he will be speaking about pride at the ceremony in order to motivate students and faculty.

"My prediction (is that) Lisner Auditorium will be full of GW faces come September 8," he said.

The party will be held afterwards in the quad and a tent will be set up with food, drinks and music.

"We want to hold this year's Convocation with ceremony and dignity," Kasle said. "But we also want it to be fun. Everyone is invited."

"I hope all students come out for it," Kane said. "It's going to be a great time."

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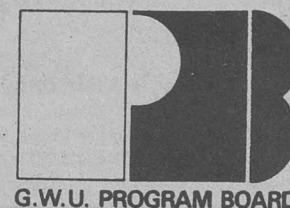
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'L.A. Law' leads to lawyer increase

by Jake Gaffigan
College Press Service

An unprecedented number of college seniors are trying to get into law school, various campuses report.

While no national numbers are available, individual law school admissions officers almost without exception say they received far more applications for the 1989-90 school year than for other years within memory.

"We've had a 40 percent increase over last year," said John Friesman, admissions director for the University of Vermont's law school, "and last year we had a 22 percent increase over the previous year."

At Drake University Law School, Dean David Walker reported the number of applications increased 60 percent over the number he got last spring.

Nationwide, 18.5 percent more

students took the Law School Admissions Service (LSAS).

The boom, moreover, comes after a 12-year decline in the number of students wanting to go on to law school, noted LSAS spokesman Bill Kinnish.

He attributes it to a number of factors, not the least of which is the popularity of the "L.A. Law" television show.

"The first factor contributing to the boom is image," Kinnish said. "There was a lot of publicity, bad press and articles about the glut of lawyers during the decline. Now we have 'L.A. Law' and other activities that brought the law to the forefront."

Kinnish isn't the only law school admissions director to thank "L.A. Law" for students' increased interest in the field.

"That's an impression that various admissions officers have stated, but it's unsubstantiated," observed Ted Hulbert of the University of California at Los Angeles' law school, which is wading through a record 5,607 applications for 325 openings in next fall's first year law class.

Mary Upton, admissions director at the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, also thinks TV might have inspired some seniors to consider a law career, although she cites a different show.

"Washington is a very hot place to study law since the Iran-Contra hearings," Upton contended.

Upton and others quickly add students seem to be responding to influences more substantial than mere images, too.

Kinnish, for one, said many students mention how lucrative law can be as their motive for applying to law school.

Students, Kinnish said, "spend a lot of money over their three years of law school, and they have to expect that there will be economic opportunities at the end of those three years."

Kinnish and Upton both speculated some students who in the past may have gone to medical school are opting for law school instead.

Students may be applying to law schools in greater numbers than in past years not because they plan to practice law as a career, but because it "can act as an entry into other professions," Kinnish added.

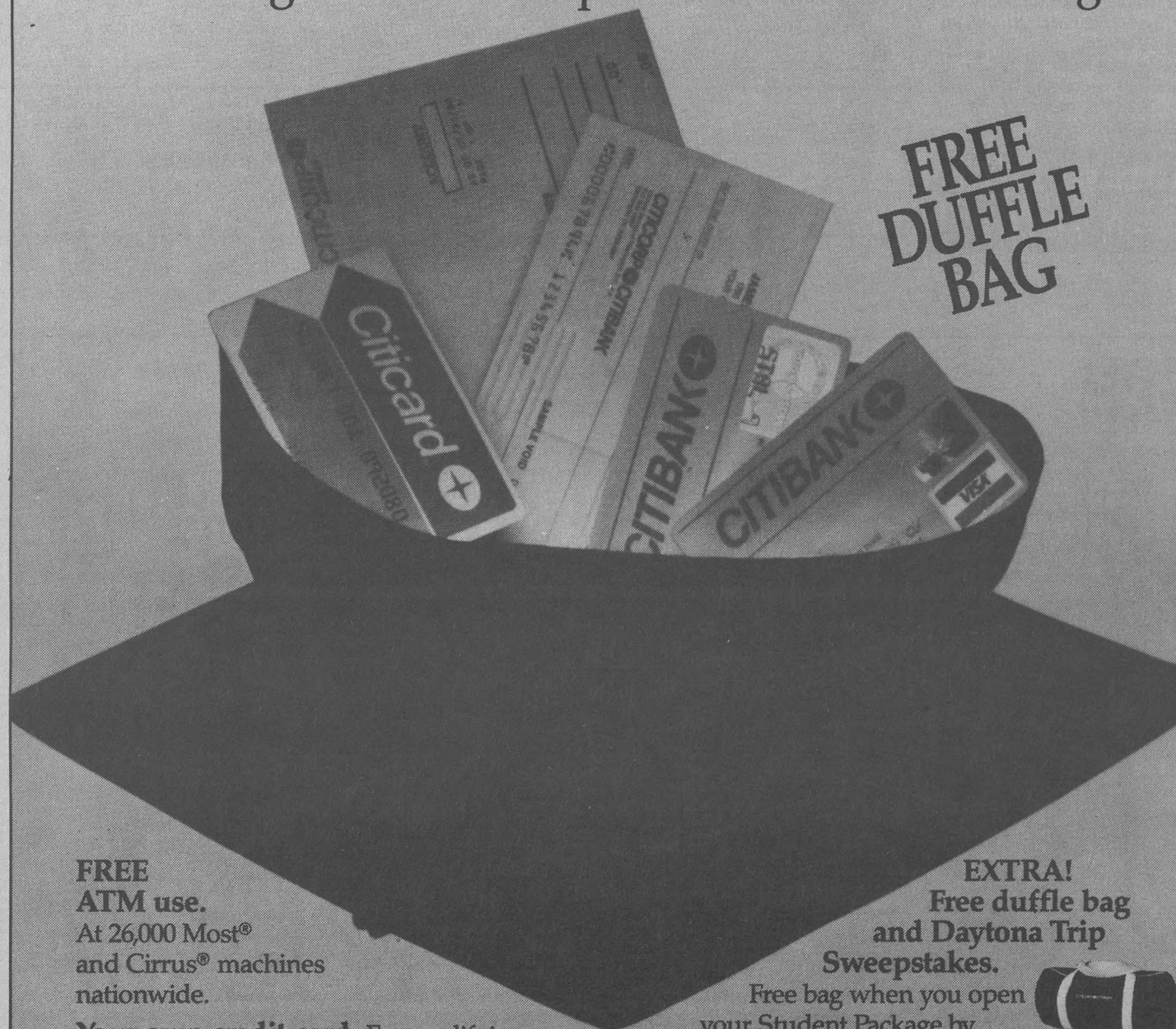
The boom, however, can strain law schools' ability to teach more students.

Vermont, which like many schools accepts more students than it can handle because it assumes some of them ultimately will enroll elsewhere, severely overtaxed its resources when it found itself with 30 more students than it could handle in its 1988-89 first-year law class, Friesman said.

In response, Vermont capped its first-year enrollment at 150 for 1989-90, but the number of applications rose anyway.

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A year later, Trachtenberg reflects on GW

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example, I'll spot something that somebody has done, and I'll write them a note and I'll say, "Listen, that seems really interesting. Would it perhaps have been even better if you had done the following two or three additional things?" People write me back with different sorts of reactions. Some people write back and say, "Gee, that's a terrific idea, and I appreciate you noticing, and I'll get in touch with you." Other people, who haven't had this kind of correspondence in the past, respond in a very defensive way and see what I hope will be an indication of hope and concern in their welfare and an effort on my part to help as an interventionist and critical, and they feel somehow I'm giving them a poke rather than a pat on the back. That's just a matter of folks getting to have some sense of how you work, and to understand that if I'm finding time to read what they've written or look at their work and think about it and express a point of view—I'm doing it because I'm trying to be affirmative, and trying to cheer them on, not because I'm being critical or trying to put them down, quite the contrary. It just takes a while for people to understand who you're working with and what the unspoken signals are.

Is the actual transition itself over or is it still going on?

It takes place over a three year period. I've seen presidents who come in and who have in mind a very short administrative career for themselves at an institution. Indeed, as you know, the average university president in this country lasts about six years. Well, if your time arrives in six years, you've got to do your transition in a hurry because you don't have a lot of turn around time. If, in fact, you contemplate staying at a place for a piece of your life, you mean to make your contribution to that institution a significant portion of your career, then I think you can take a little more time in the transition and be more reflective about it, and you can take two years, indeed, maybe a little longer. I think that puts less pressure on the institution. Institutions have a kind of tension strength, and if you try to bend them too quickly, they break. If you try to bend them more slowly, in fact, I think that's more accommodating, and they have a capacity for more flexibility.

Have you been bending too quickly or not quickly enough?

No, I think we've been moving along. I'll give you an example. It was fairly clear to me right at the start that the office of the provost was probably not one that I would continue for a long haul. I want to be closer to the deans and faculty than was possible with another layer of administration. If I thought I was going to be here for a very short period of time, I would have felt obliged to move on that very promptly. In fact, Bill Johnson, who was the provost, is a wonderful man and had devoted a great deal of time to this institution. He and I met and I said, "Look, I think I'm probably not going to want a provost for the long haul."

And he said, "Hey, I'm a year a way from retirement." I said, "Terrific." And we worked together last year, he

was a contributor to the conversation. I was fortunate to have the wisdom and insights that he brought to the discussion. I am grateful to him for steering me away from some blunders I might have otherwise made. He retired at the end of the year in normal course of events. We disappeared the provost office and it seems to be altogether possible in five or six years we'll want to reinstate the provost office as I feel the need to be more outward looking

working with the budget of his or her predecessor and that most of the resources necessary for doing things have been committed. When I arrived last September, my ability to do magical things for students or faculty or staff was obviously very limited. The first year is a give away year. Again, if you've got in mind to stay for awhile, the first year seems to be a year in which the president educates himself about the institution and starts to try

thing that's happening to big hospitals in cities all over the country. This last year we gave away more than \$20 million in uncompensated medical care to poor people, street people, folks from the district and the greater Washington community who can't afford to pay for their health care. Now if we had that \$20 million, it would change the economic environment at George Washington University overnight. We don't have that \$20

people can pay attention to, that makes a real contribution to the development of new knowledge." At the same time we want to continue to honor a long time commitment that GW has had and continues to have to care about students and to good teaching. We don't want to become one of these institutions where undergraduates complain that all they see are teaching fellows, and they never see an honest to God professor. Finding that balance, interestingly enough, is what I was trying to talk about in the article I had in The Washington Post last Sunday, in which I said, "Look, we have in this country an array of universities, what they call post-secondary institutions." On the one hand you have your community college, which has a mission committed to teaching. You have, on the other hand, a number of institutions who define themselves as research universities, and if they don't do any teaching, well that suits them fine. The most extreme example being someplace like Rockefeller University in New York, which probably has a handful of Ph.D. candidates, no undergraduates at all. It's essentially a research institution. My own judgement is that the most interesting cutting edge institutions are places like ours, which are trying to carry one on both shoulders.

We're an institution that I think is going to have to make priorities. We're going to have to say, through some process involving faculty, and deans and whatever, there are certain areas in which we're going to invest, those areas we can make a special contribution in terms of research, at least in the first cut. This half dozen fields is where we're going to put whatever surplus resources we have. Then over time, as those areas build up and are recognized as national players, we'll then move to another six, and another six.

How should the students who are not in the selected few categories feel?

Well, at the graduate level, I think unless you're finding that there are other aspects of the city that feed your purpose, you've got to take a look at what your options are. But I think at the undergraduate level, it's queer that this institution is going to be pre-eminent even in those fields where it doesn't intend to have a major research component. Look, nobody second-guesses the quality of the undergraduate education provided at William and Mary, or at Amherst College or at Williams—I mean we're talking about world-class undergraduate colleges. They have some masters programs, but I don't think they have any PhD programs that are nationally renowned. It is possible, in fact, to have wonderful undergraduate programs in disciplines that PhD programs are not available in, or are available in focused ways.

Are we leaning toward becoming more of an undergraduate institution?

Actually, we're leaning more towards becoming a research university than we used to be, but I think we're going to do it in a measured and gradual way. We're not going to do it pell-mell, because the resources to do it right across the board aren't there, and it seems to me we ought to do it right if we're going to do it. We're going to have to choose and going to have to say, "We can't do everything." We surely can't do everything for everybody, and we can't do it all at once. We're going to have to de-

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Trachtenberg prepares for his second year at helm.

and devote more of my time to the external portion of the president's job than the internal portion of the president's job. But for now, I think it makes sense for me to be talking to the vice presidents directly. But because I wasn't in a hurry, I could take my time, we were able to work things out in a way that was good for the individuals involved and I think ultimately for the institution.

How do you feel that some criticize you for making changes, some of which are for the better, while Elliott wasn't questioned as much for just sitting still?

Well, I think President Elliott did a terrific job, and did it moreover for better than two decades, leaving behind an impressive record of accomplishment.

That a new president comes in and wants to change things is to be expected. One can only hope that the changes will be positive rather than negative. But inevitably, if somebody has been in place for a significant period of time, a certain rhythm has developed and a set of expectations. People know what to ask for, what not to ask for, and what the likely response is going to be. The minute somebody leaves, and I'm sure that the same situation transpired in Hartford as here, people immediately polish up their wish list because they say, "Hey, we've got a new court. We have an opportunity to come in and make our presentation and hopefully we get a more affirmative response than we got with this idea last time around." You then unleash a set of hopes, aspirations, expectations, and some of those are going to be disappointed.

Surely, in the first year people can be disappointed, at least partially, because, unless they are sophisticated and think these things through, they're likely to forget that the first year somebody is in office the individual is

to figure out how to create new wealth, because most of the time you arrive, people don't tell you about new wealth, what people tell you about is expenditure, new demand.

Institutions have a kind of tension strength, and if you try to bend them they break. If you try to bend them more slowly ... I think that's more accommodating, and they have a capacity for more flexibility

How aware were you of the University's million dollar deficit when you came?

I had looked at the books and had talked to the trustees, but you're never as completely sophisticated about the situation at an institution as you become when you actually put on its uniform and go out to play ball.

This is basically a healthy institution. Lloyd Elliott did not leave behind the situation in dire straits, quite the contrary. It is nevertheless an institution which has, and rightfully so, great ambitions and some of those ambitions exceed the capacity of the institution to pay for them given its current economic situation. We are also in a very dynamic time in American higher education, and we're also in a strategic time for health institutions in our country. And we are, as you know, a hospital as well as a university, and vulnerable therefore to every-

million and we're not likely to get that \$20 million in a hurry. We're likely to have to spend \$21 or \$22 million providing uncompensated medical care in the current fiscal year. And that is of course a burden for the hospital, for the medical center and indeed for the rest of the University.

I think that is only one example of the kinds of things that most folks are not aware of, so that they look at the Henry Building or something like that and they think, "What a wealthy institution we are," when in fact we're not. Again, I suppose it's unfair to ask that your average citizen be a sophisticate about university financing. But, we are about the 44th wealthiest university in the country on the basis of our endowment in absolute dollars. So we have an endowment of about \$250 million. And if you were to list all 3,000 universities in the country, we'd come in about 43rd or 44th.

The problem is, that wealth isn't measured that way. Wealth is measured by the commitments you have against your endowment. So, for example, we've got 18,000 students here, and we've got a medical center, and we've got an engineering school, and a medical school, and all of those need to be carried with the income from that endowment, along with tuition and grants and one thing and another. By contrast, Rice University has got 7,000 students plus or minus, and an endowment of \$1 billion or more. Well, the per capita endowment is extraordinarily higher, and the nature of their program mix is such that they don't have a medical school, and so they don't have to carry all that. The bottom line at George Washington University is that we're underfunded for the kinds of commitments that we have made. It is our goal to be a major player. We say, "Listen, we are a major university in a major city, we want to be a research university that

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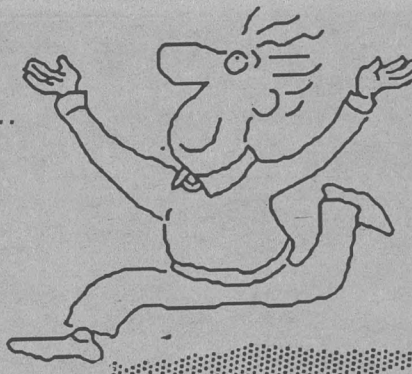
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Accounting society garners top honors

GW's accounting fraternity, the Epsilon chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, received two awards from its national organization in August, including the Most Improved Chapter Award.

According to Professor Larry Singleton, the fraternity's advisor, GW's chapter, originally a poor one, rose to become the most improved of the 176 chapters nationwide in receiving the one-time honor.

The second award—Superior Chapter Status—is the highest award any chapter can receive. All chapters are given a guide book listing point values for suggested activities. Out of 8,000 possible points, GW's Beta Alpha Psi received all 8,000. Along with that award, two scholarships of \$500 each were provided by the KPMG Peat Marwick company for the most active student members.

In order to become a member of Beta Alpha Psi, a student must be an accounting major with a 3.0 GPA overall, and must have at least six hours of accounting courses.

Singleton said last semester there were 40 members of the group.

Last year, the chapter held several activities intending to prepare students for accounting professions. Featured speakers from accounting jobs and other business-related careers spoke to members. Also, the students prepared income tax returns and provided free tax advice to people in the area, as well as giving high school presentations to other future accounting students. At the group's spring banquet, eight accounting firms awarded outstanding members of the chapter.

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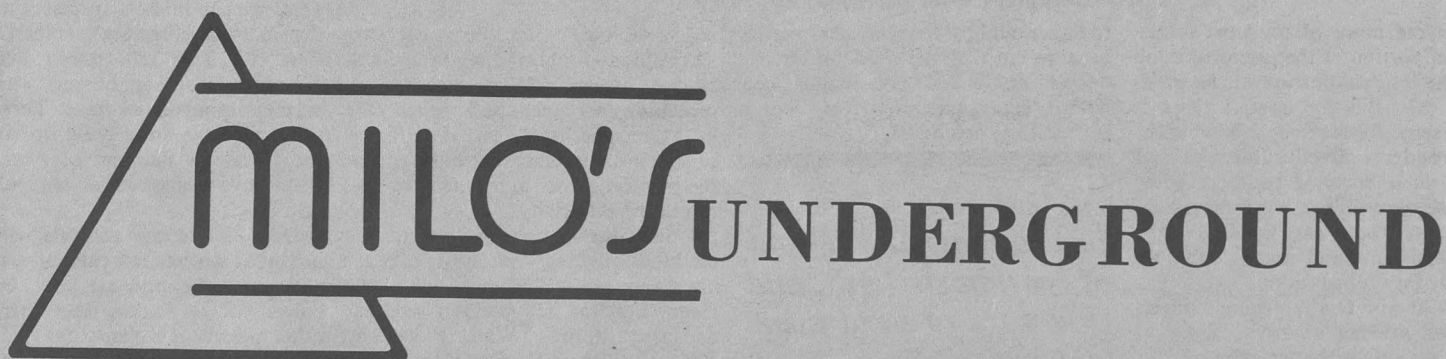
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termine which places we can go, and interestingly enough, even the distinguished research universities, Columbia University, Harvard University, are discovering they are being forced by limited resources to make exactly the same kind of choices. The New York Times this year is full of articles about Columbia taking a second look at some of the things they're doing and cutting back in some fields, closing down some departments, consolidating some disciplines. I think what's going to happen is people are going to have to become more discreet, more focused, more rifling, less shotgun and they're going to have to take a look at their mission, and again, I think different institutions are going to define their mission in terms of synergy they can create with adjacent institutions and with the community in which they're in. For this university, not to constantly have on its mind the fact that it's in Washington, two blocks from the State Department or whatever, would be lunacy. Just as a school located in an agricultural environment, someplace in the midwest or in upstate New York, not to have a program that concerns itself with agriculture, or animal husbandry or whatever would similarly foolish. This is not the university that is going to find the cure for some wheat malady. On the other hand, this is an institution that can make I think a major contribution all kinds of public policy areas, health policy seems to me to be a ripe field, the future of this country in the delivery of health care is going to be one of the hottest issues on the national agenda in the next several years. It's an issue that triggers emotions as well as thinking at several different levels. We see even as we talk the quarrel that's going on now between the telephone company and telephone company workers on this issue, Americans are used to expecting the very best when it comes to life and death. We simply cannot afford unlimited health care for everyone. We're going to have to make some choices about what it means to make those choices, and who should foot the bill.

Small businesses are going to be driven into the ground unless they get some solution to this, and even large corporations. General Motors complains these days that every vehicle they put out is costing two or three thousand dollars in health costs. I see it here at George Washington University in looking at the health goals for our own faculty and staff and personnel. It is driving the fringe benefits side of the compensation equation up 20 or 30 percent a year. It's very dramatic. What we clearly are going to have is a national debate about what we're going to do. Wouldn't it be astounding if we come to some sort of national health policy in this country, if so, what will it look like? Will it look like the Canadian, the British, well, this is the logical venue for that discussion.

If I said, do you want to see the direction GW will be moving academically in the future, follow what's going on in the district?

Yes, I think interestingly enough, if you want to see the future for George Washington University, one has to look at the past. One has to look at what George Washington had in mind when he first conceived of the notion of there being a university here, and what he conceived of was a university that served America by serving the District, by serving the federal government, and I think that makes a lot of sense.

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"Last year we had (approximately) 10 finalists," Stoner said, noting this enabled the University to apply to become a member of the National Merit Scholarship Service.

"You have to have a certain number of finalists in order to put in a bid to be on the list," he said. "It's very prestigious and shows our interest in attracting the best students."

There are currently 23 National Merit Finalists, three National Achievement Finalists and two National Hispanic Scholar Finalists attending GW, Stoner said.

Stoner attributed the increase in National Merit Finalists to the full-tuition awards.

"All finalists got full tuition paid," he added. "I think we recognized their worth."

GW looks more attractive to all prospective students, Stoner said, adding that offering these students full tuition makes them feel more encouraged and wanted.

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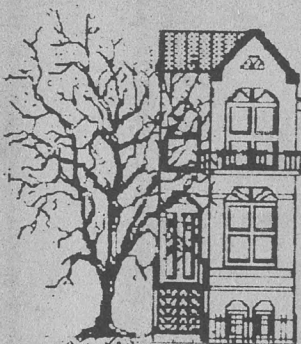
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The GW Program Board is presenting two films tonight at the National Law Center in room LL 101. *Nuts*, starring Barbara Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss will be shown at 8 p.m., followed by *Suspect* starring Cher and Dennis Quaid at 10:30 p.m. For further information call 994-7313.

A Fall Bash is being sponsored by the GW Indian Association (GWISA) in the Marvin Center Sept. 9 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$3 for GWISA members and \$5 for others. Proper age ID is required in order to drink alcoholic beverages. For more information contact Paul Kallan at 598-8719 or Jay Varma at 983-9673.

The International Students Society

is sponsoring a Garden Party, Sept. 14 in the ISS office on the fourth floor of the Marvin Center from 8 p.m. to midnight. Free food and drinks will be available to those who attend.

The Progressive Student Union is holding its first meeting today at 7:30 p.m. in room 420 of the Marvin Center. The issues which will be discussed include homelessness, the environment, the threat of nuclear war, racism, sexism, problems of oppression, government corruption and U.S. imperialism.

GW's student-run radio station WRGW is holding a general meeting Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in room 402 of the Marvin Center.

The Shotokan Karate of America organization is sponsoring traditional Japanese Karate classes Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Smith Center from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For further information call Brett at 547-4784.



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New interest in Soviet studies appears on campus

by Dacia Dorries
College Press Service

At Washington State University, faculty members are preparing to squeeze 2,500 students into a class that only 250 normally take.

"This class is popular because it's exciting, it's now," explained WSU staffer Kathy Johnson.

The course isn't about music, human sexuality or even taught by a celebrity guest lecturer. Instead, it's a course students as recently as last school year would categorize as a real snoozer—Contemporary Soviet Society.

WSU is only one of scores of campuses where Russian studies, language and history courses have become amazingly popular. Primed by the changes wrought by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's domestic liberalizations, foreign policy initiatives and the political ferment now railing Russian client states like Poland, Estonia and Latvia, students around the United States have been registering

for classes in record numbers so far this fall.

The State University of New York at Albany, for instance, has added two new sections of beginning Russian to its language syllabus to accommodate the new rush of interest, reported SUNYA's Amber Hutchinson.

Kansas State University has had to hire a part-time language professor for its staff, while Abilene Christian University officials are struggling to find funds to start a course by next fall.

Brigham Young University simply hasn't been able to meet the demand for Russian studies seats, added Don Jarvis, a language professor and president of the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR).

About 600 students—twice as many as in 1983—are taking Russian-related courses this term at the University of

Iowa.

Nationwide, enrollment in Russian language courses at four-year campuses has increased by 50 percent since 1980, said Dan Davidson, the ACTR's director.

"This is much more than a fad," claimed Robbie Lieberman, director of the University of Missouri's Peace Studies department. "In the beginning, the negative policy of the Cold War scared people into being interested. Now, with the new political climate, we see more opportunities."

Others think the boom is part of a bigger cycle.

"If you look at the history of international education, it has gone in big waves," said Carol Halstead of College Connections, a higher education consulting firm headquartered in New York City. "It was real big in the

60s, lost popularity in the 70s and is back in full swing in the 80s."

Virtually all the campus observers enjoying the Russian boom attribute it to the changes in the Eastern bloc.

"There seems to be a general effort

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Top 19

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15. SMU—The Mustangs get mentioned only because of their comeback after a two-year coma. Let's hope they learned their lesson and will stay clean for head coach Forest Gregg.

16. FSU—The Seminoles should go higher, but I still think the departed Deon Sanders needs to be slapped silly, preferably with a two-by-four.

17. West Virginia—All new troops for quarterback Major Harris, who is good for a winning season to the Mountaineers.

18. Central Michigan—See 6.

19. Georgetown—The Hoyas always have to go at the bottom of my lists.

David Weber is sports editor of The GW Hatchet.

Spikers

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Kozak (11 kills) and freshman Anne Marie Henning (13 digs). O'Neill and Henning combined for more than half of the team's 59 digs. GW's Webster contributed a match-high 34 assists in the triumph.

In the finals of the three-day tournament, Minnesota (5-0 in the tournament) defeated Florida State, 15-8, 15-13 and 15-11.

"(We) gained a lot of invaluable experience and now see where we are starting from," Laughlin said.

Spikes—The Colonial women play in the West Virginia Invitational this weekend. GW plays Cincinnati Friday at 5:30 p.m., East Tennessee at 11 a.m. Saturday and at 5:30 p.m. against West Virginia.

Women

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The Colonial women had 11 shots on goal to Berry's nine. Glover said Beth Rife and Lori Feller were "the stars in the game."

"We have to work on our offense and control in the midfield," Glover said.

Kicks—The Colonial women play Saturday at Goucher at 1 p.m.

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Sports

Women booters go 0-1-1

The GW women's soccer team went scoreless in its first two games of the season, with a 2-0 loss at George Mason, Sunday after a 0-0 tie with Berry College at home, Friday. GW head coach Adrian Glover said it was the first time in his coaching career that his team has not scored a goal in two straight games.

Seventh-ranked George Mason outshot the Colonial women 25-4, but were only able to put in one shot from the field.

"The number of shots on goal doesn't always reflect the score," Glover said.

Laurie Anton scored George Mason's first goal. The second goal came from a penalty kick by Diane Hedin after 44 minutes of play.

"It isn't like we broke down competitively," Glover said about the penalty kick. GW goalie Lora Mozer had 21 saves.

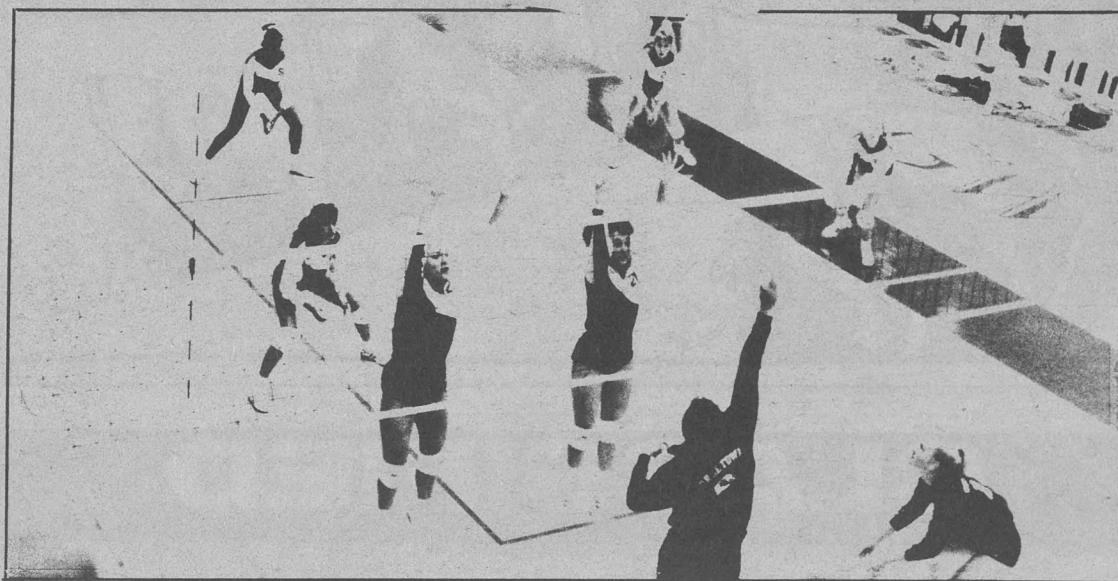
GW sophomore halfback Pam Doerr and senior midfielder Jennifer Morrison played very well in the GMU game, Glover said.

"Inga Mathis made two or three very vital clearances for us when Mason was pressuring," Glover said. Lisa Cellura took two shots on goal for GW.

Friday, the Lady Furriers came to GW ranked fourth in the NAIA and were national champions in 1987.

"They have a very strong program," Glover said, "but we were a little disappointed (with the tie), we thought we might get a win, especially with the home-field advantage."

(See WOMEN, p.26)



Freshmen Tracy Webster (12) and Jennifer Gray (21) go up for a block against Georgetown.

photo by Greg Heller

Volleyball team starts season losing 3, beats Georgetown

by Yosefi Seltzer
Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW volleyball team inaugurated five freshman into its ranks as it started its season slowly with a 1-3 record in the Labor Day Volleyball Festival, held at the Smith Center last weekend.

After a Friday loss to Duke, and losses Saturday to Northern Iowa and Florida State, the Colonial women salvaged their final match in the tournament, defeating Georgetown in a 16-14, 16-14 and 15-3 sweep.

GW head coach Cindy Laughlin, forced to deal with six players gone from last year's team, started freshmen Tracey Webster and Jennifer Gray against Duke in the opener.

GW began the tournament slowly against the Blue Devils, losing 15-4, 15-3 and 15-1. Duke returned six starters from 1988's team, four of whom were all-conference selections. The Colonial women were led by juniors Kris Knight and Allison O'Neill, who each had seven kills.

Saturday, GW fell again, 15-4, 15-9 and 15-8, to Northern Iowa, who were led by senior Bobbi Becker (13 kills).

The Colonial women were again led by Knight and O'Neill, who had six kills each. O'Neill also led GW with 11 digs.

GW next faced Bowling Green. The Colonial women won their first game of the tournament, capturing the opener against the Falcons, 15-8. But then they faltered losing three straight, 15-4, 15-4 and 15-6.

"Momentum swung rapidly, and our passing broke down against them. Their team took time to warm up and once they got going, we were overwhelmed," Laughlin said.

The Colonial women were led by freshman Holly Vandenberg (nine kills) and O'Neill (seven kills.)

Next GW faced Georgetown.

"We beat (them) earlier in the year, 3-1, and our togetherness and team unity were the keys this time out," Laughlin said. "We ended on a high note which will help us prepare for the future competition. We wanted it bad and our strategy was better. We needed success and got it."

GW was led by O'Neill (13 kills and 17 digs), Jennifer (See SPIKERS, p.26)

Kickers capture first two

The GW men's soccer team opened its 1989 season with two wins, beating Georgetown, yesterday, 3-1 and dropping Montclair State, 4-2, Saturday.

GW head coach George Lidster said he was pleased with the Colonials' offense through the first two games (seven goals), but was disappointed with the defense.

Against Georgetown, freshman Renzo Massa and sophomore Mario Lone scored early to put the Colonials up 2-0. The Hoyas then scored to cut GW's lead to 2-1.

"After we scored and went up 2-0, we became very complacent and let Georgetown take the game to us," Lidster said.

Freshman Chris Majewski had a goal to close out the scoring for the Colonials.

In Saturday's home opener against Montclair State, GW got goals from junior Andrew Morrison, Majewski, Massa and sophomore Khalid Jiha.

Montclair State scored in the first and last two minutes against senior goalkeeper Harry Bargmann (2-0).

"It was a lapse of concentration by the defense," Lidster said. "We have not found out rhythm."

When asked what he expects from two weekend games against Rider and St. Joseph's at the American University Soccer Classic, Lidster replied "two wins."

"We're going to try to find our rhythm, we're playing a bit disjointed. It will take time, though, because we're a very young team."

-David Weber

Finally, a national championship for Bo

Since every guy on a newspaper needs to select a college football top 20, I thought I would be different and pick a 1989 college football top 19.

1. **Michigan**—In 20 years at Michigan, head coach Bo Schembecker has not won a national championship. This year, though, the Wolverines will be crowned collegiate champs, Sept. 16, when Norte Dame travels to Ann Arbor and the Irish will lose for the first time in months.

Then all Michigan has to do is beat UCLA on the road, survive the entire Big 10 Conference season undefeated, and again beat UCLA in a rematch in the Rose Bowl.

As always, the '89 Wolverines feature a strong running game, with junior Leroy Hoard (752 rushing yards in '88) starting ahead of junior Tony Boles (1408 yards).

Admittedly, it's a hometown call by a Michigander, whose friends and relatives are at UM. But this year it will happen, so Bo can die peacefully.

2. **Miami**—The Hurricanes have lost Jimmy Johnson and Steve Walsh, but the key to the 'Canes success, their confidence (or cockiness), is still intact. Miami is ready to avenge its '88 loss to Norte Dame and this time the

Irish will come to Miami where the 'Canes should get all the close calls.

Miami may go undefeated in '89, as they finish the season by crushing Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, but Michigan has the tougher schedule and will be voted number one.

3. **Notre Dame**—The Irish will not repeat in 1989 for many reasons. The suspensions (running back Tony Brooks, linebacker Mike

hushers will cruise through early opponents Northern Illinois and Utah and the Big Eight Conference schedule. Provided Nebraska beats the out-manned Sooners, it will go to the Orange Bowl, where Miami will show the nation why the 'Huskers are the worst 11-0 team in history.

5. **GW**—Now I know what you're saying. "We haven't had a team in years." "We don't have a decent field to play on." "I haven't even gone to a basketball game, yet."

But I am willing to bet if we put together a big promotional campaign to sell GW football, we can get some votes. We can hype our Heisman trophy candidates just like the big time schools. George Cannon at quarterback. George William Scores at running back.

We should finish 9-2 and go to the Cherry Bowl.

6. **Michigan State**—I also have friends and relatives at MSU. Linebacker Percy Snow, who will win the Butkus Award, and Bob Kula, who replaces Tony Mandarich, are the players to watch. Mountain-sized Mandarich, drafted by the Green Bay Packers, is hard to replace, but Kula, who is the size of a large hill (6-4, 282),

should fill Mandarich's shoes.

7. **Oklahoma**—Barry Switzer is gone and Charles Thompson is in jail, but the Sooners have a good defense and a great running game, led by sophomore Mike Gaddis.

(Actually a few Sooners have kidnapped my family and ordered me to put them in the top 10.)

8. and 9. **USC and UCLA**—Whoever wins the Nov. 18 showdown finishes eight, the loser, nine.

10. **LSU**—With a backfield of Gavin Gray and Chris Jackson, how can they fail?

11. and 12. **Auburn and Alabama**—See 8 and 9.

13. **Colorado**—The Buffaloes are acting like Big Eight rival Oklahoma off the field, but they are playing like the Sooners on the field. They could threaten Nebraska for the league title.

Colorado players also have the added distraction of quarterback Sal Aunese, who is suffering from inoperable stomach cancer.

14. **Penn State**—Joe Paterno, a good defense, a great running back (Blair Thomas) is what Saturdays in the fall are all about.

(See TOP 19, p.26)

David Weber

Stonebreaker), the injuries (running back Braxton Banks) and the spectre of repeating (though Norte Dame was the last team to do it), are individually not enough to stop the defending national champs, but combined with another killer schedule they spell doom for the Irish in '89.

(OK. I hate Notre Dame, and the Irish will probably win all their games and win the national championship again, but let me dream.)

4. **Nebraska**—When the Cornhuskers host Oklahoma, Nov. 18, Nebraska should be 10-0. The Cor-

Hoops coach search lingers

Steve Bilsky, GW athletic director, said interviews in the University's search for a head coach of the women's basketball team should be completed this week.

Bilsky said the GW Department of Athletics and Recreation has had "serious conversations with five or six candidates," who would replace Jennifer Bednarek as head coach. After compiling a 9-19 record for the Colonial women in her only year at GW, Bednarek left the University for a job outside of basketball.

Bilsky said that, assuming GW finds an appropriate candidate, he hoped to make an offer to a coach as soon as possible, hopefully next week.

He added the time of the year—with basketball practice starting in six weeks—has made finding a coach more difficult.

-David Weber